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## **SHIVAJI**

A born leader, a fearless warrior and a shrewd military strategist, Shivaji resorted to guerilla warfare techniques to outmanoeuvre his formidable adversaries – the Mughal masters of the North and the Bahmani sultans of the South. His exploits hastened the decline of Mughal power and gave rise to a new power in India – the Marathas. His love for freedom has made him a national icon in India.

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IT WAS THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR 1630. THE SUN WAS ABOUT TO SET, WHEN THE DRUMS IN THE FORTRESS OF SHIVNERI, IN MAHARASHTRA, PROCLAIMED THE NEWS THAT A SON WAS BORN TO JIJABAI. HER HUSBAND SHAHAJI WAS AWAY, FIGHTING BATTLES FOR THE SULTAN OF BIJAPUR. FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE MARATHAS HAD BEEN UNDER THE SUPPRESSION OF FOREIGN RULERS. AT THE TIME OF SHIVAJI'S BIRTH, BESIDES THE SULTAN, THERE WAS THE GREAT MUGHAL EMPEROR OF DELHI AND THE ABYSSINIAN GENERAL FROM BIJAPUR, THE SIDDHI JOHAR.

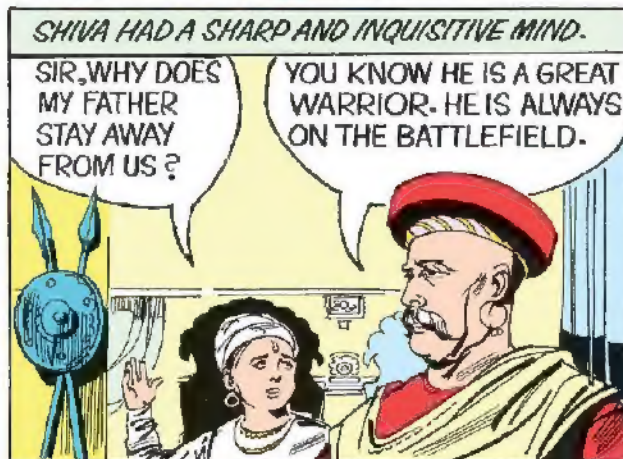


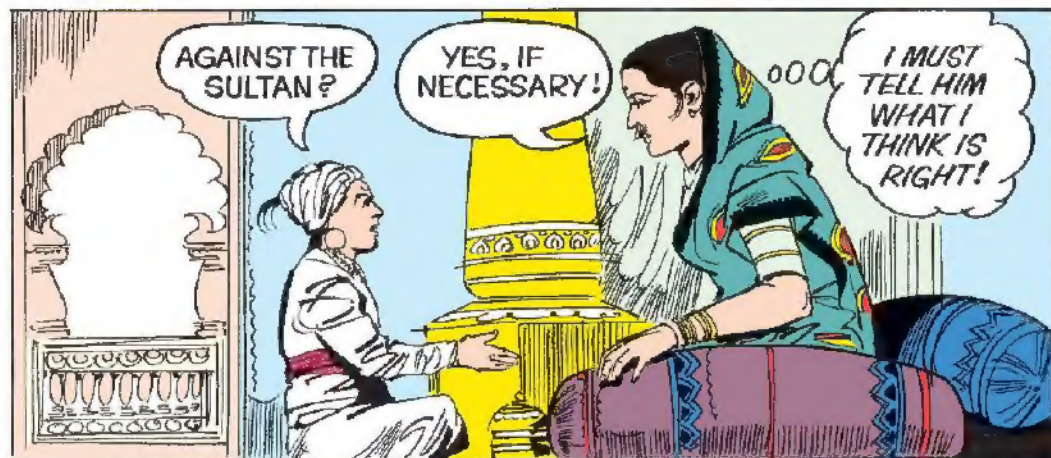
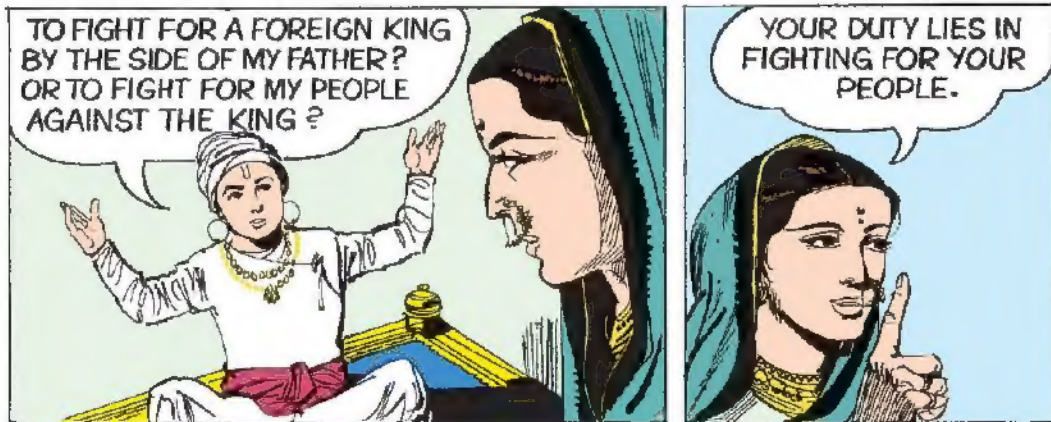


WHEN SHIVA GREW TO BE A LITTLE BOY, SHAHAJI TOOK HIM TO BIJAPUR  
AND PLACED HIM UNDER A GREAT TEACHER, DADAJI KOND-DEO.

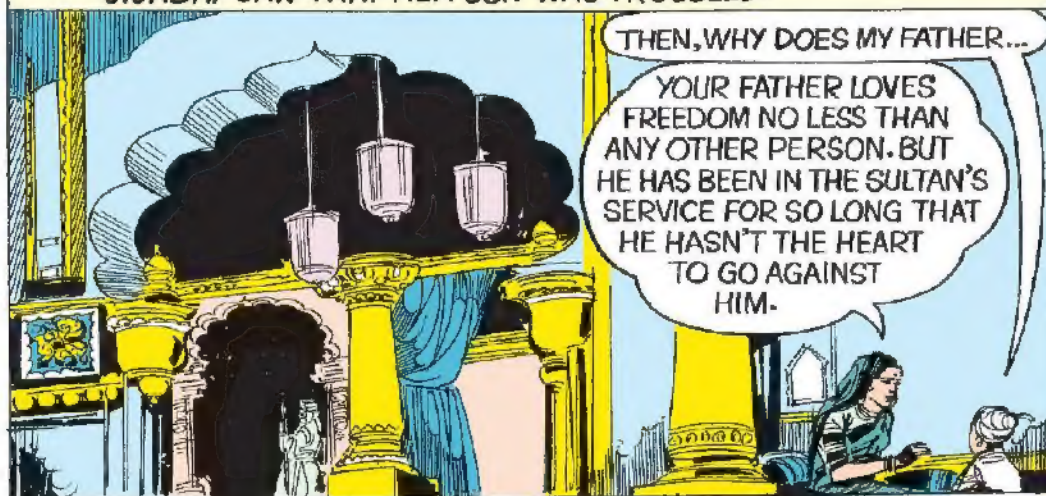








JIJABAI SAW THAT HER SON WAS TROUBLED.









THOUGH APPOINTED TO COLLECT REVENUE, DADAJI BECAME THE VIRTUAL RULER OF POONA. RIGHT UNDER HIS NOSE, SHIVA MADE BOLD PLANS.



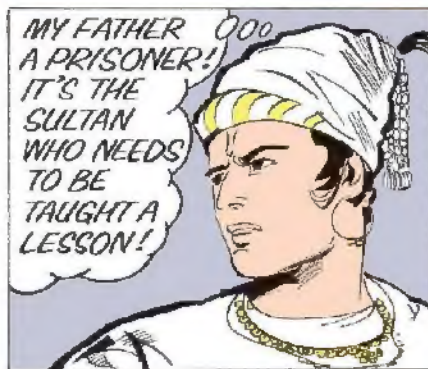
THE FIRST IMPORTANT FORT SHIVAJI CONQUERED WAS TORNA.



JIJABAI BLESSED HIS EFFORTS.





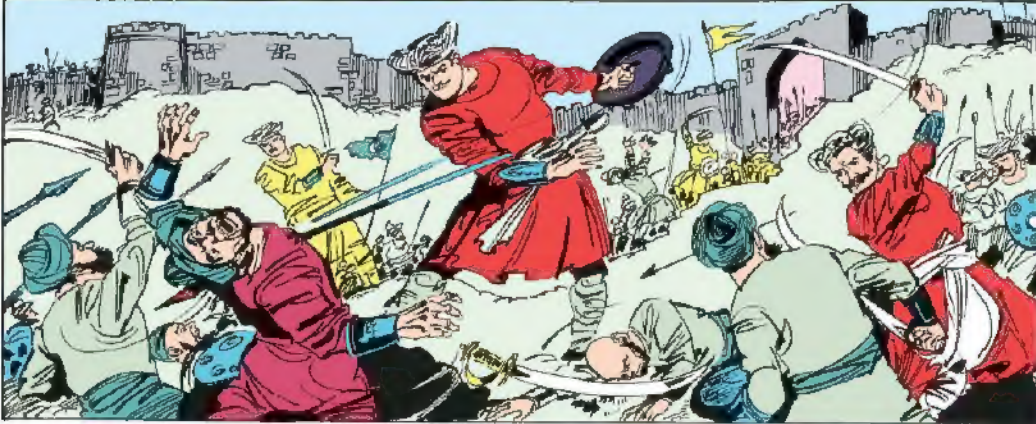


SOME OF THE ENEMY TROOPS HAD ENCAMPED IN A SMALL FORTRESS. SHIVAJI'S FORCES ATTACKED AND DEFEATED THEM.





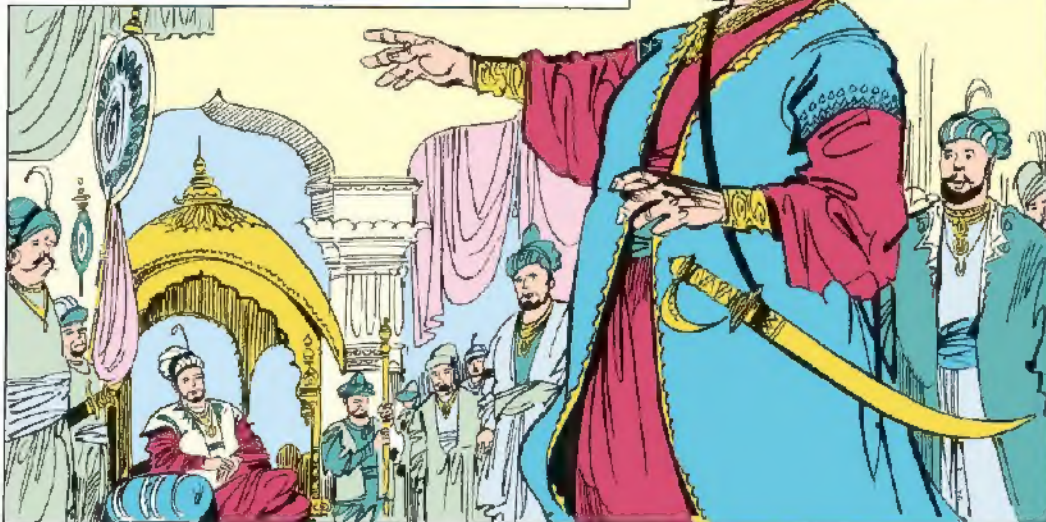
AND WHEN THE ENEMY TRIED TO ATTACK THE FORT AT PURANDAR, IT WAS DRIVEN AWAY WITH EVERY MEANS AT HAND.



THE SULTAN HAD LEARNT HIS LESSON.



BUT VENGEANCE WAS IN THE AIR. SOON AFZUL KHAN, BIJAPUR'S MIGHTY SOLDIER STARTED WITH A HUGE ARMY AGAINST SHIVAJI.





SHIVAJI

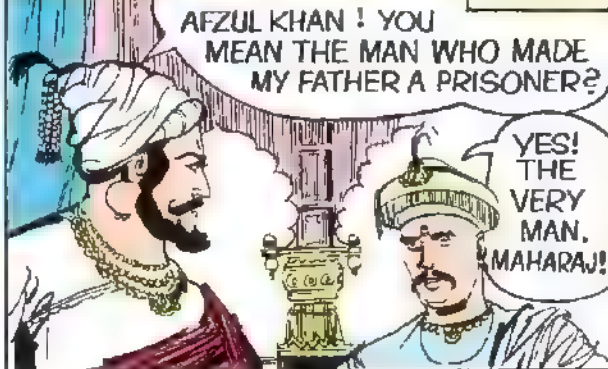
HE SWOOPED ON TOWNS AND VILLAGES SPREADING TERROR AND RUIN.



AFZUL KHAN'S ARMY THEN CAMPED IN THE MOUNTAINOUS DISTRICT OF WAI, AND PLUNDERED THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES.

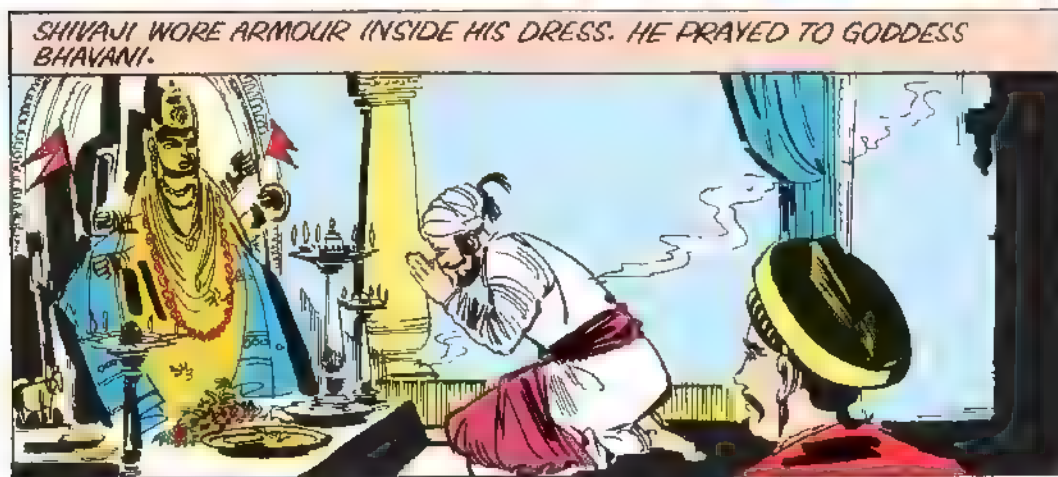


IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF WAI WAS PRATAP-GADH WHERE SHIVAJI WAS STATIONED AT THE TIME.

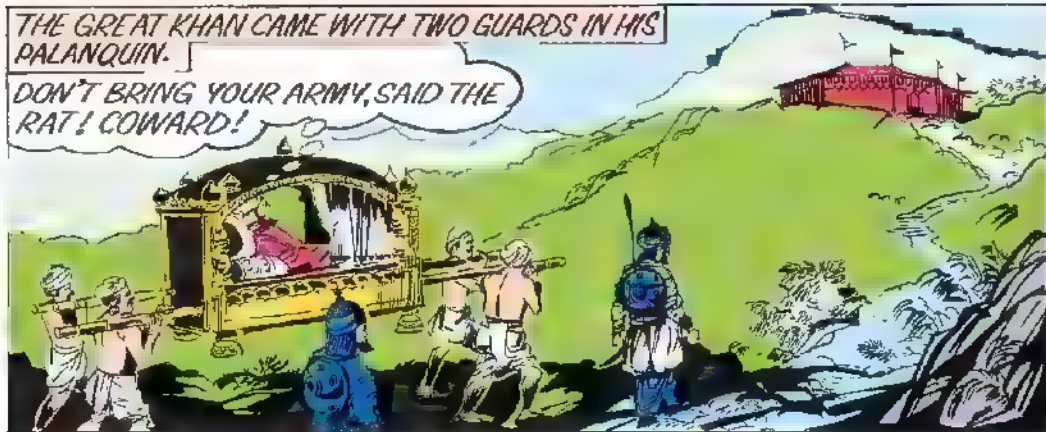


SOON AN ENVOY FROM AFZUL KHAN ARRIVED.









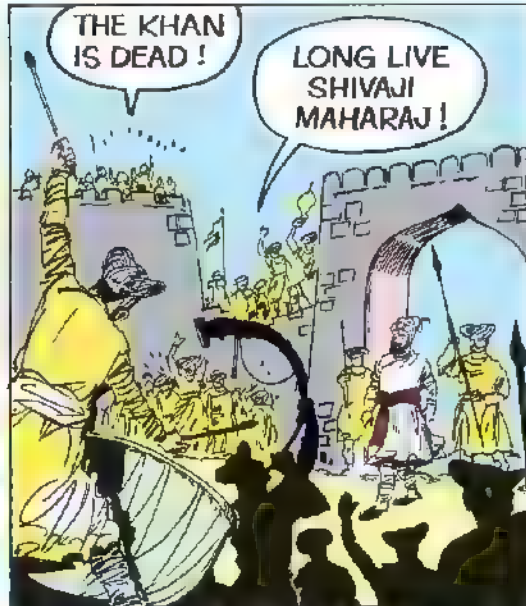
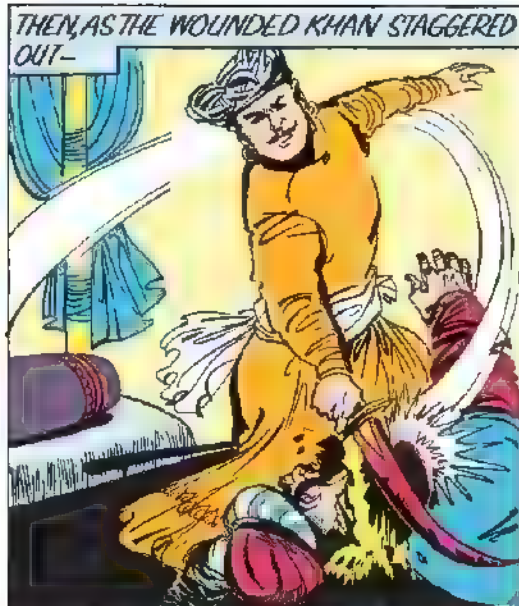
SHIVAJI SEIZED THE KNIFE WITH HIS LEFT HAND AND RAISED HIS RIGHT HAND.



THE TIGER CLAWS ON SHIVAJI'S FINGERS PIERCED THE KHAN'S STOMACH.











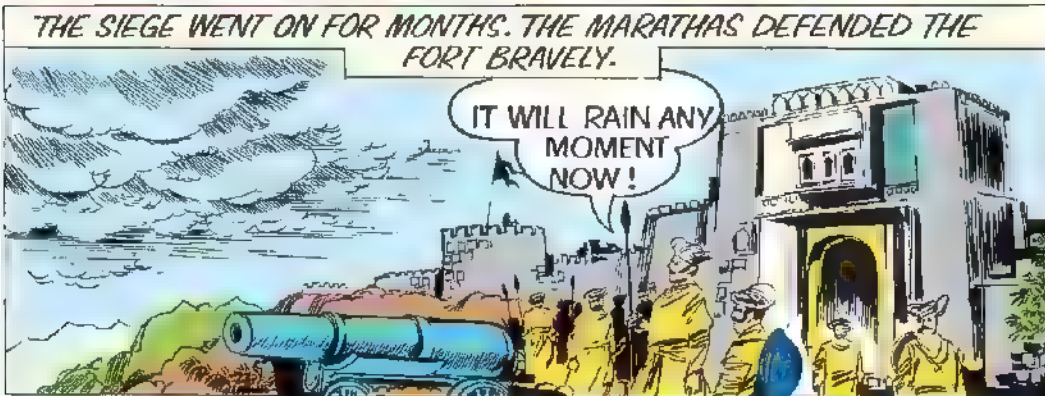


IT WAS A WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN. IN THIRTEEN DAYS HE RODE OVER A THOUSAND MILES, EVERYWHERE DEFEATING THE ENEMY AND ENLARGING HIS KINGDOM.



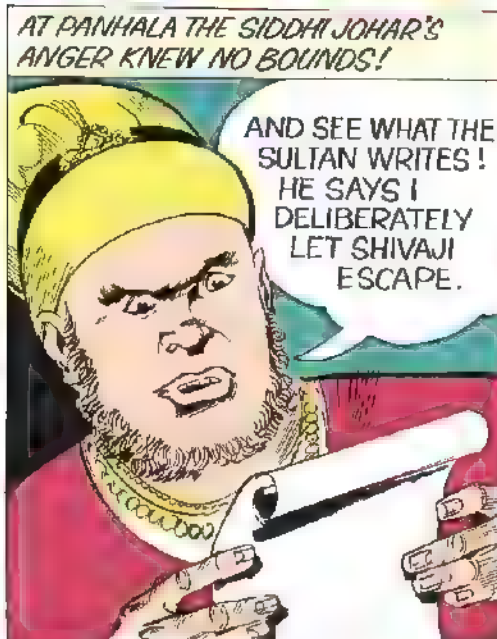
FINALLY HE TOOK PANHALA, A FORT OF TREMENDOUS VALUE. AND THEN—







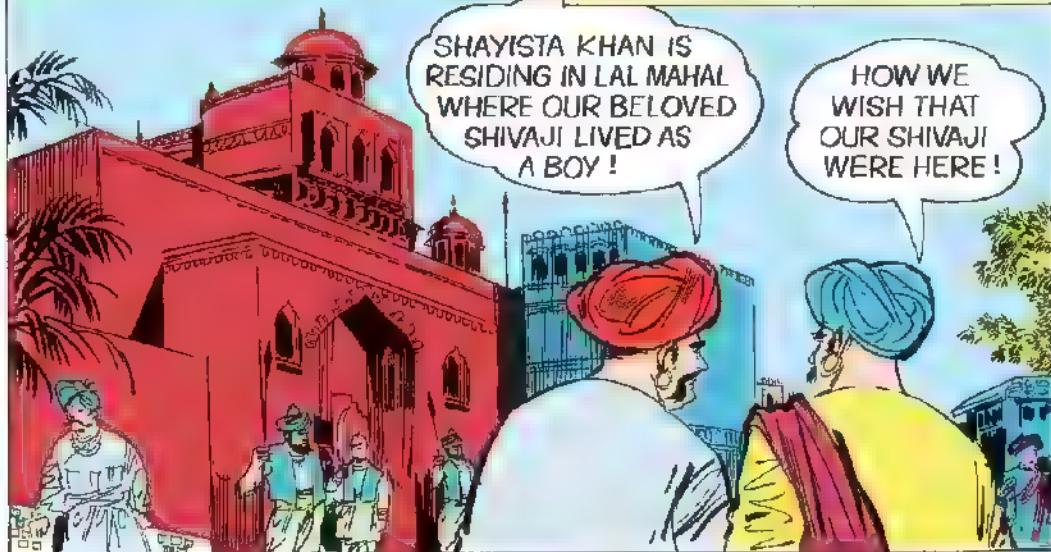






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BY THE TIME SHIVAJI RETURNED FROM VISHALGADH, A STILL MORE POWERFUL ENEMY WAS OCCUPYING POONA — SHAYISTA KHAN, THE UNCLE OF EMPEROR AURANGZEB OF DELHI.



SHAYISTA KHAN HAD POSTED ARMED GUARDS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY.



AS SOON AS THE 'MARRIAGE PROCESSION' REACHED LAL MAHAL —

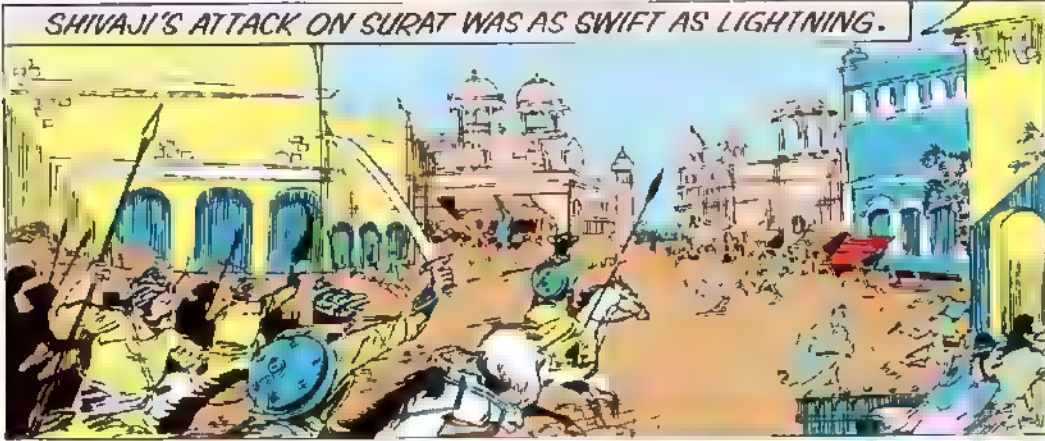








SHIVAJI'S ATTACK ON SURAT WAS AS SWIFT AS LIGHTNING.



FOR FOUR DAYS HE  
'SACKED' THE CITY.

DON'T ROB  
THE POOR!

AND ABOVE ALL DON'T  
HARASS THE  
WOMEN!

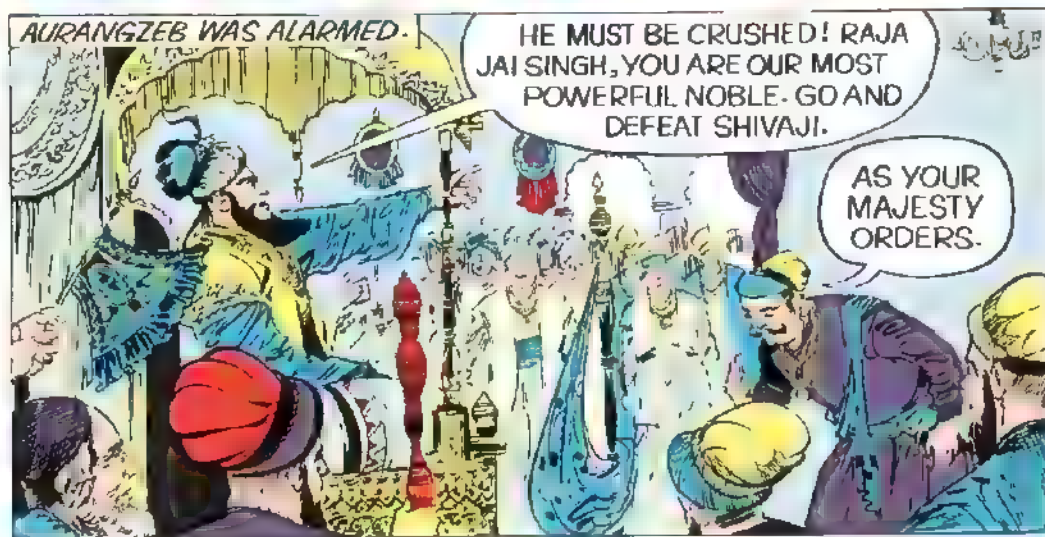


THEY RETURNED AS  
QUICKLY AS THEY  
HAD COME.

AURANGZEB WAS ALARMED.

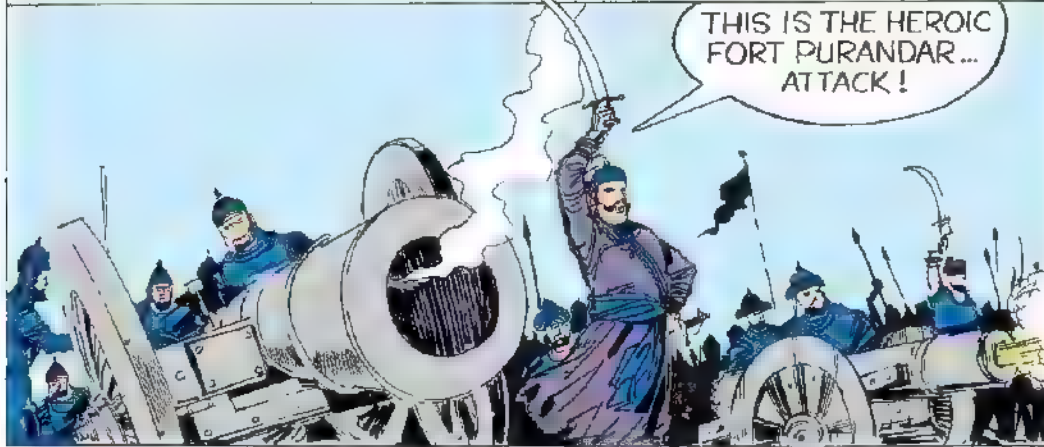
HE MUST BE CRUSHED! RAJA  
JAI SINGH, YOU ARE OUR MOST  
POWERFUL NOBLE. GO AND  
DEFEAT SHIVAJI.

AS YOUR  
MAJESTY  
ORDERS.

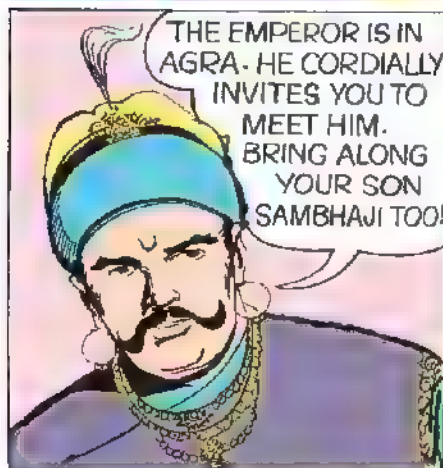
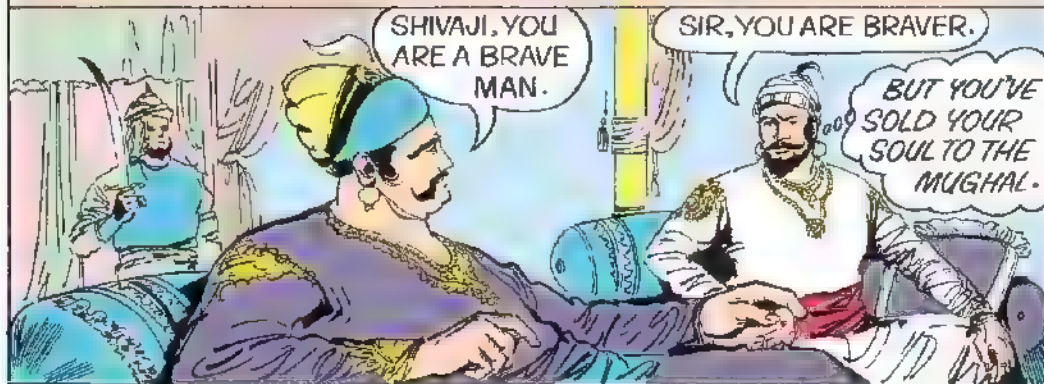


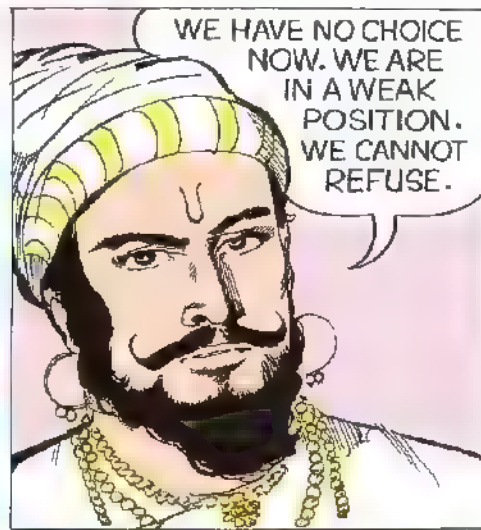


RAJA JAI SINGH MOVED WITH HIS NEW ITALIAN-TRAINED ARTILLERY. HE TOOK FORT AFTER FORT...



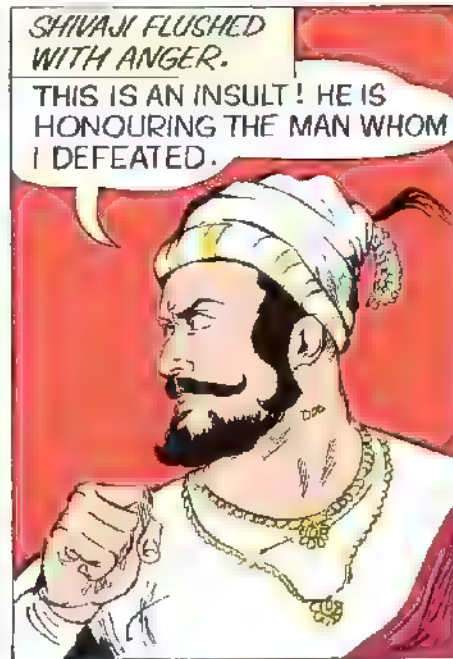
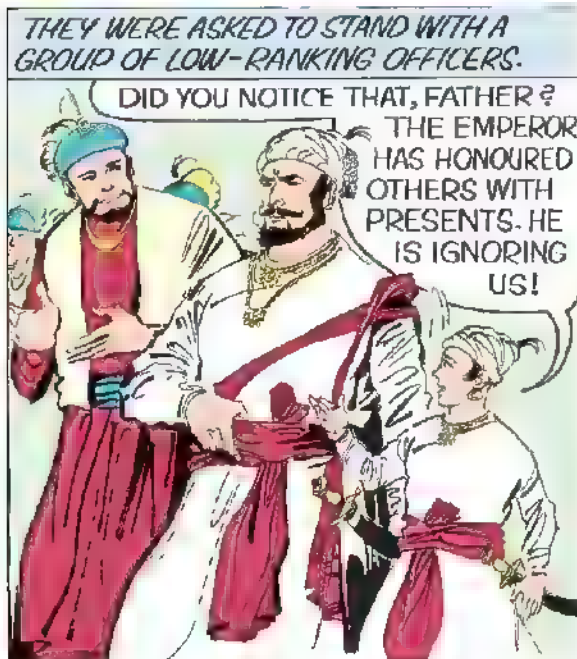
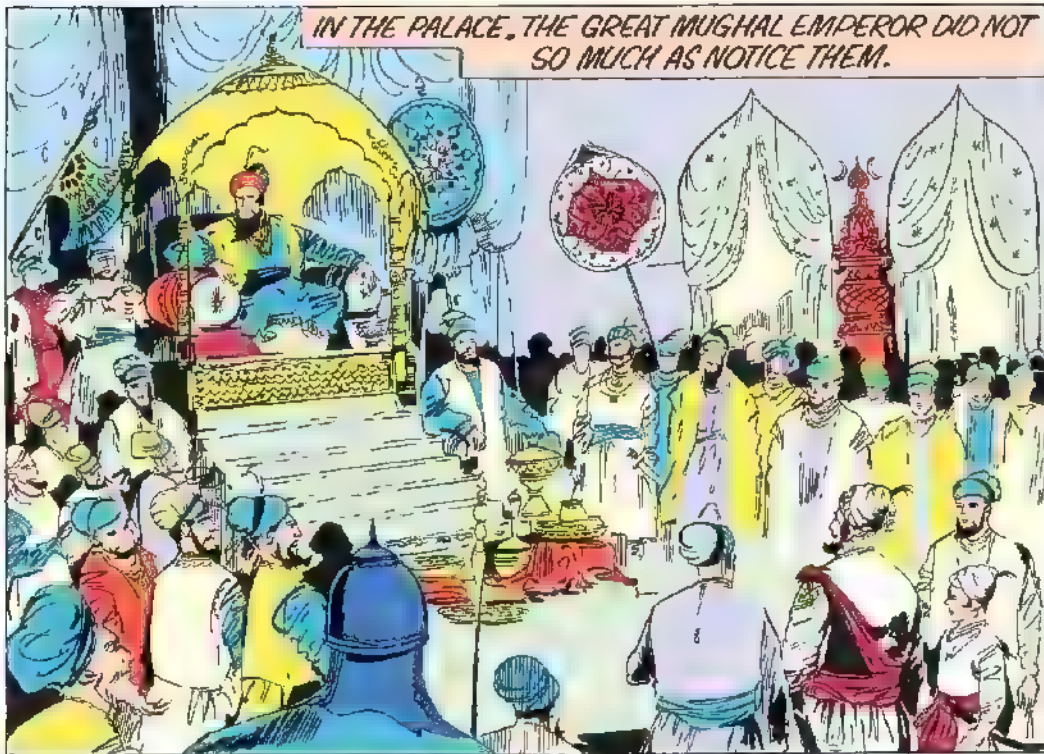
...TILL SHIVAJI HAD TO MAKE TEMPORARY PEACE WITH JAI SINGH.



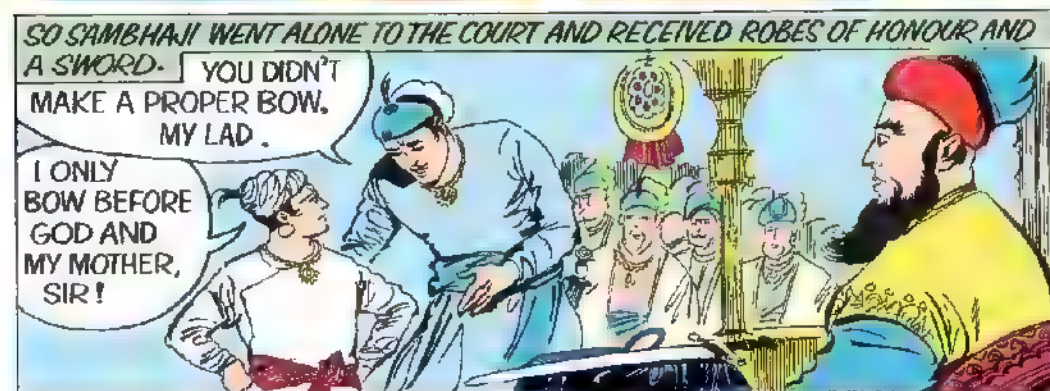


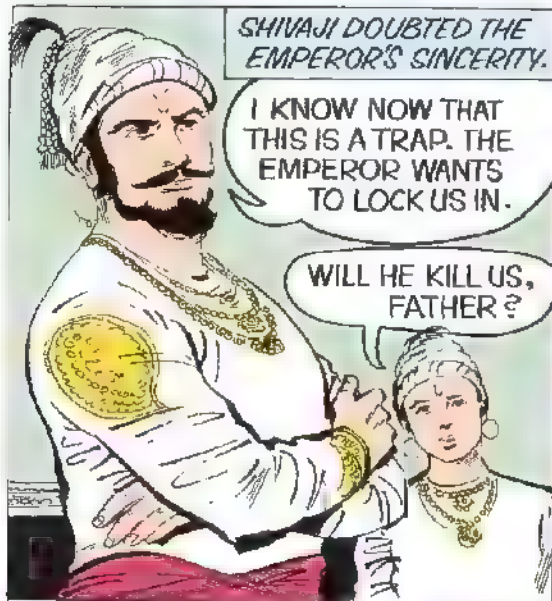
















ONE MORNING THE BASKETS CONTAINED SOMETHING ELSE.



THE WATCHMEN DID NOT EVEN GLANCE AT THE BASKETS.

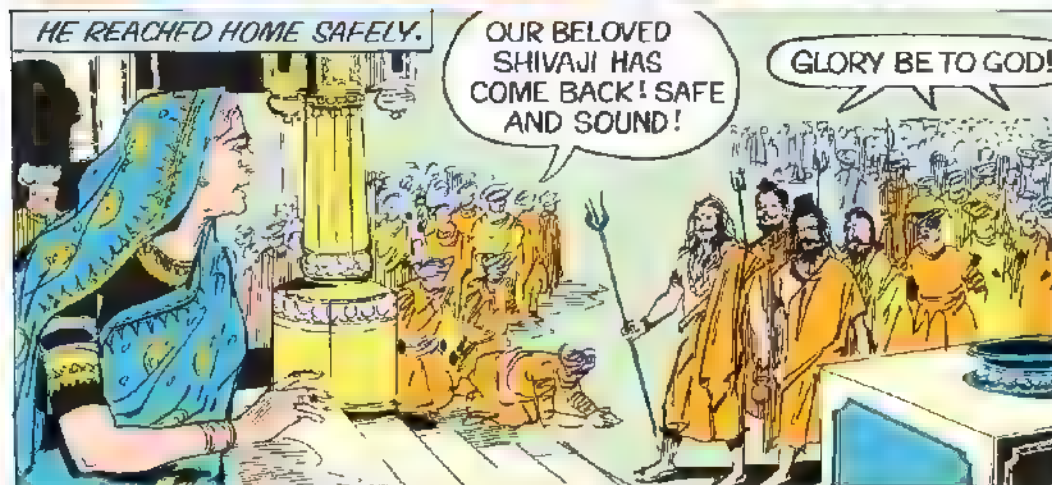








CHANGING HIS DISGUISE EVERY NOW AND THEN, SHIVAJI MANAGED TO ESCAPE TO THE SOUTH. EVERYWHERE PEOPLE HELPED HIM.



A FEW YEARS AFTER HIS DARING ESCAPE FROM AGRA, SHIVAJI WAS CROWNED KING AT A GRAND CEREMONY AT RAIGADH.

MY SON, THIS IS THE DAY I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR !

A PEOPLE'S KING !

AS LONG AS FREEDOM IS CHERISHED, HIS NAME WILL SHINE AND INSPIRE MILLIONS.



AS A KING HE RULED ONLY FOR FIVE YEARS; BUT THE MARATHA POWER WHICH HE HAD BUILT, FLOURISHED FOR MANY YEARS AFTER HIM.



TALES OF SHIVAJI





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## **TALES OF SHIVAJI**

Shivaji, famous as a warrior and patriot, was also renowned for his kindness. His behaviour managed to convert a spunky young mother, an avenging widow, and a terrified maiden into devoted friends. Not only did the powerful Maratha display humility and a constant sense of fair play, he also upheld the honour of every woman whether rich or poor, enemy or ally.

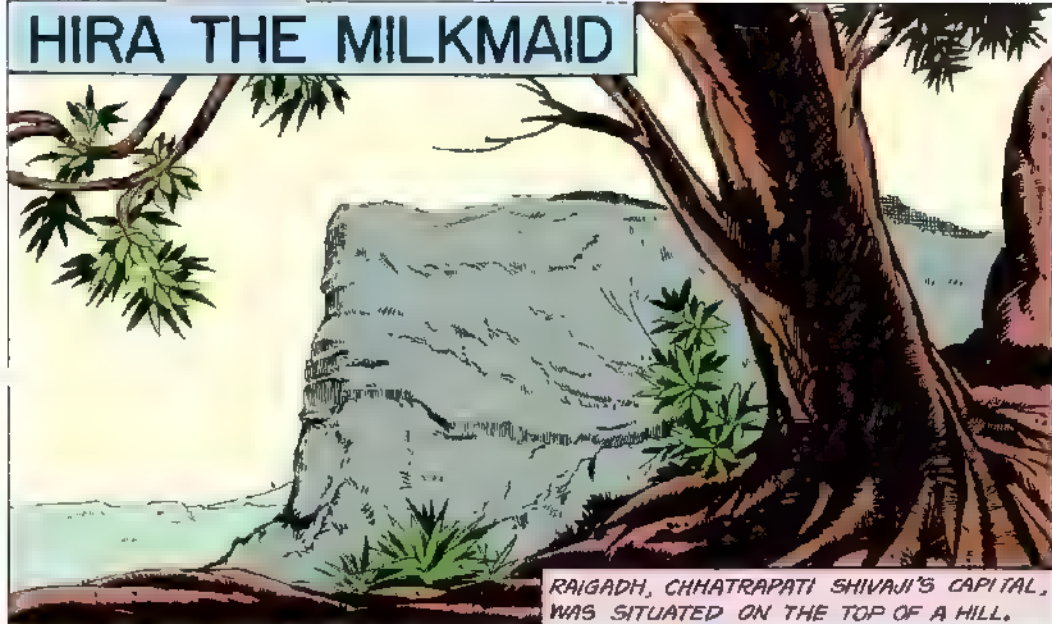
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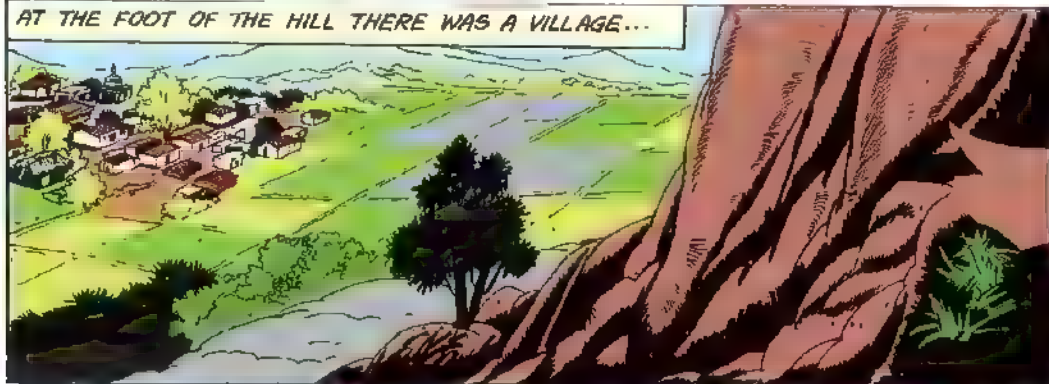


## HIRA THE MILKMAID

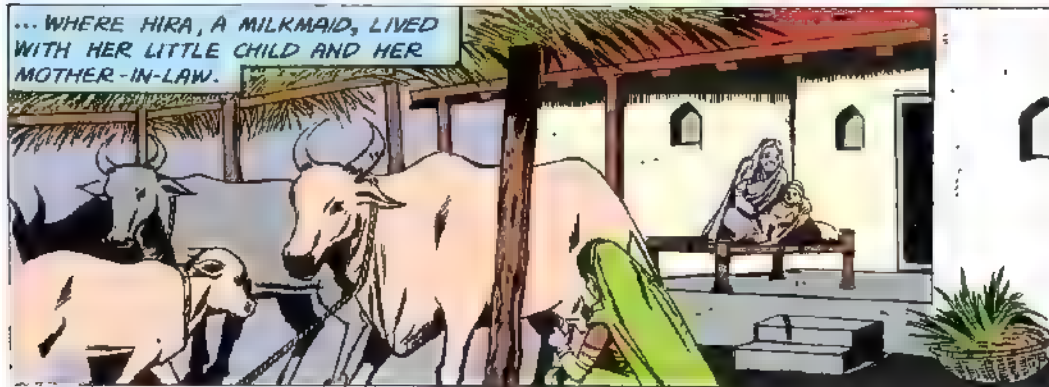


RAIGADH, CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI'S CAPITAL, WAS SITUATED ON THE TOP OF A HILL.

AT THE FOOT OF THE HILL THERE WAS A VILLAGE...



... WHERE HIRA, A MILKMAID, LIVED WITH HER LITTLE CHILD AND HER MOTHER-IN-LAW.



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LEAVING HER CHILD WITH HER MOTHER-IN-LAW ...



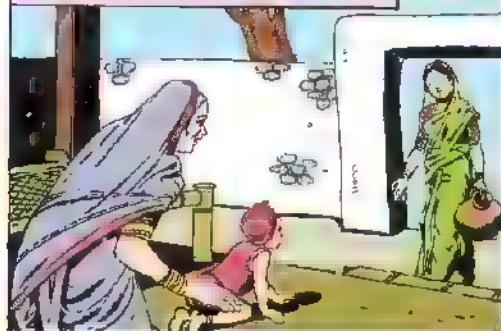
...HIRA WOULD GO TO RAIGADH TWICE A DAY— IN THE MORNING AND IN THE EVENING...



...TO SELL MILK TO THE PEOPLE IN THE FORT.



BY SUNSET SHE WOULD BE HOME AND FREE TO BE WITH HER CHILD.

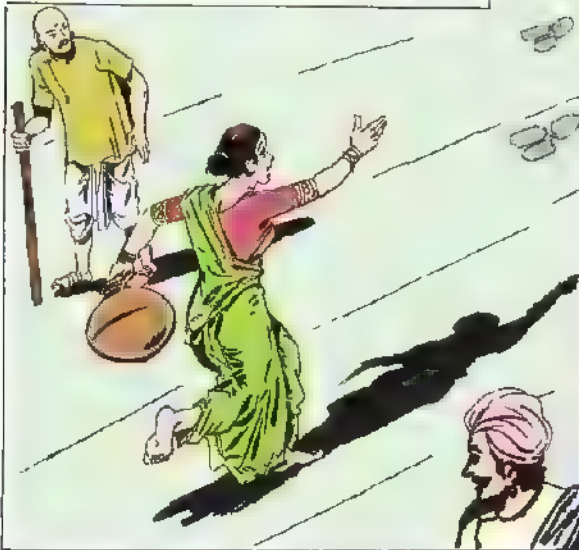
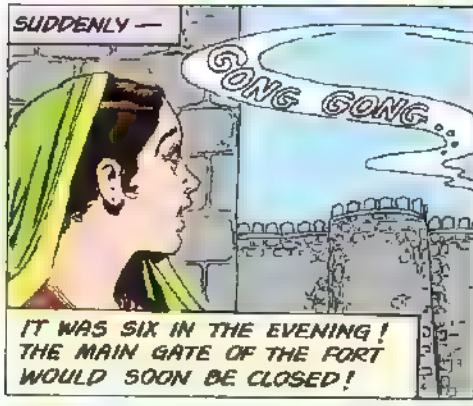
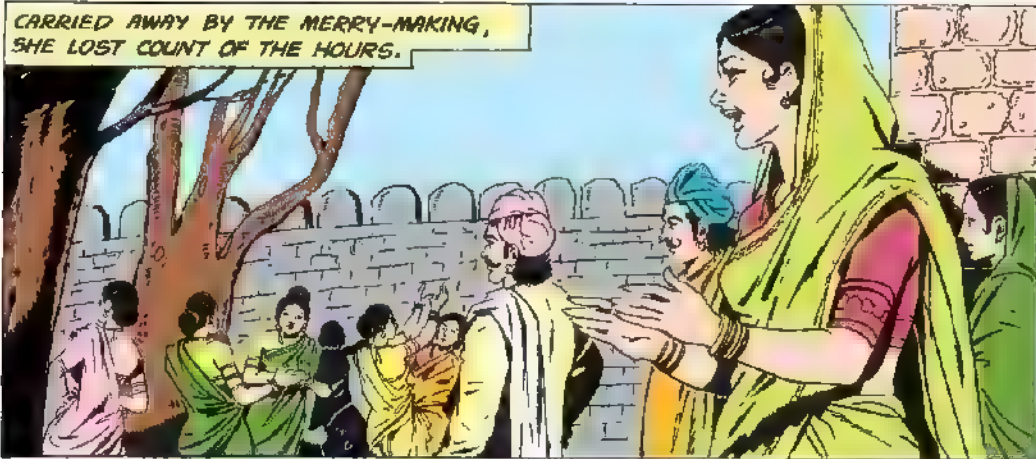


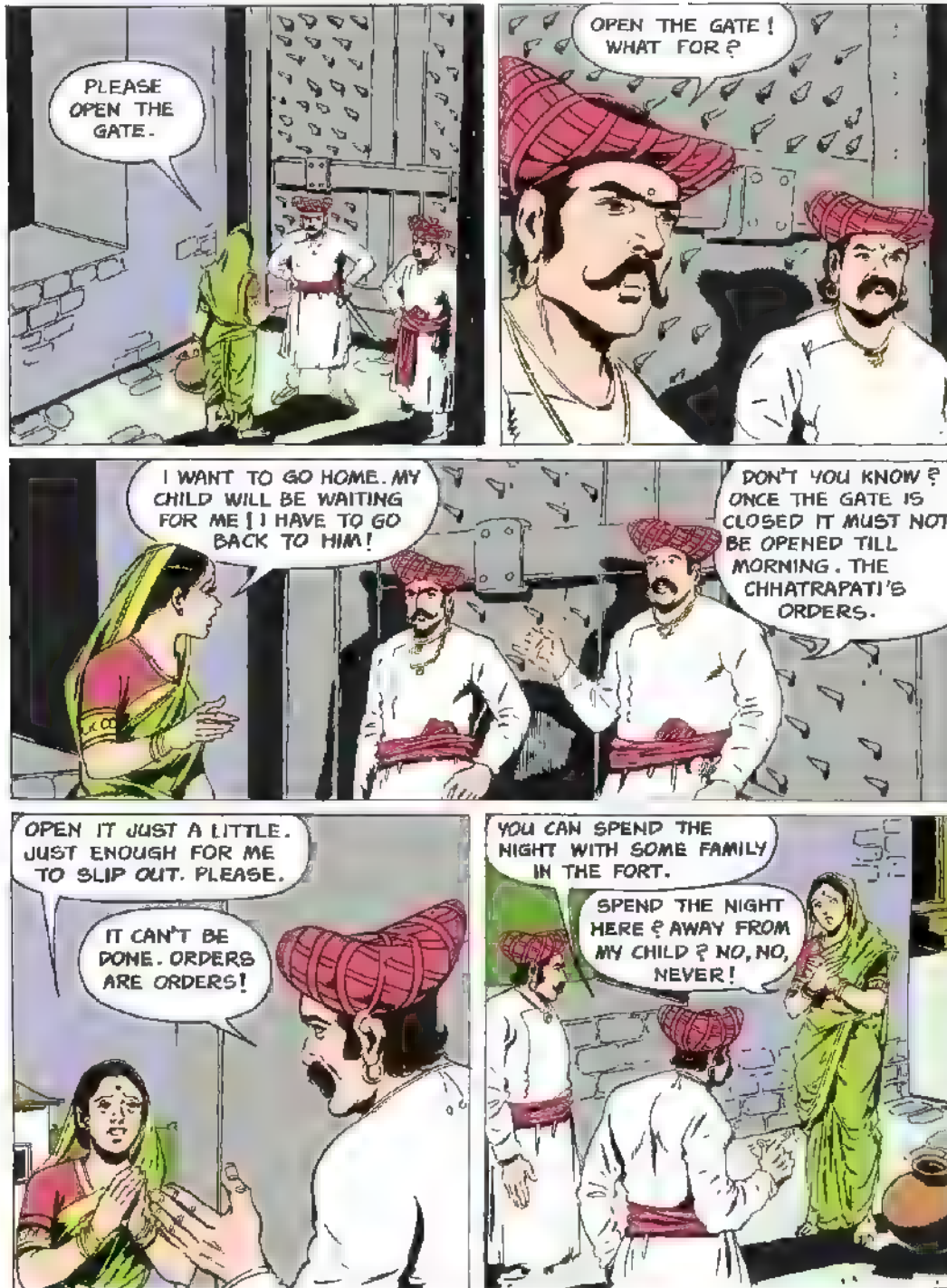
ONCE, DURING THE KOJAGIRI FESTIVAL, HIRA STOPPED TO WATCH THE CELEBRATIONS, AFTER HER AFTERNOON ROUND.





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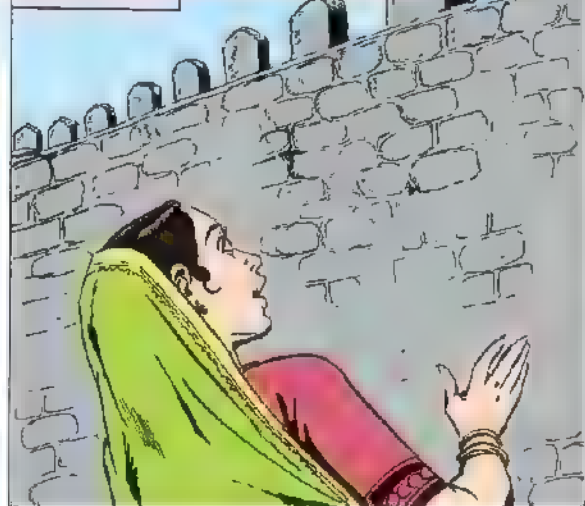
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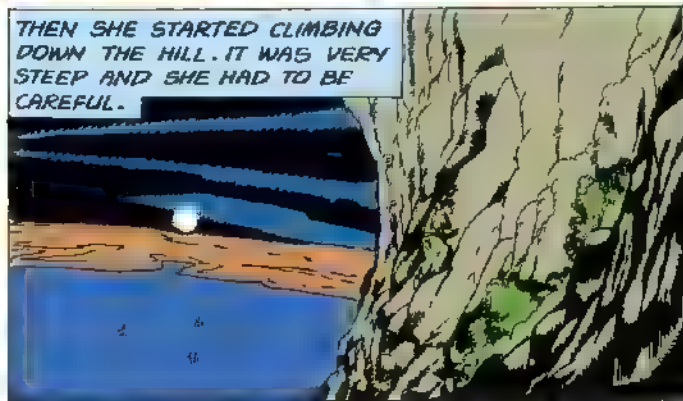
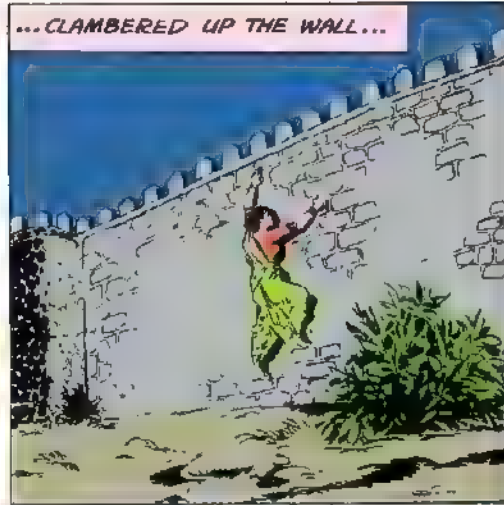
SHE KEPT WALKING ALONGSIDE THE WALL, LOOKING HOPEFULLY UP AT IT FROM TIME TO TIME.



WHEN SHE REACHED THE EASTERN SIDE, SHE SUDDENLY STOPPED.



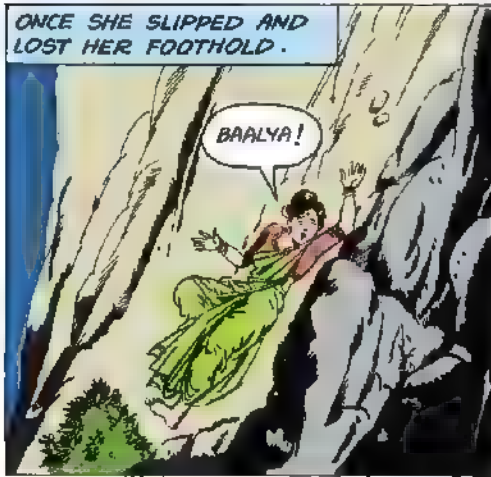
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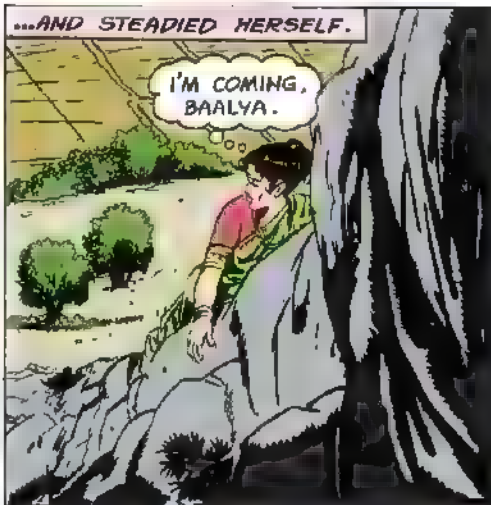
ONCE SHE SLIPPED AND  
LOST HER FOOTHOLD.



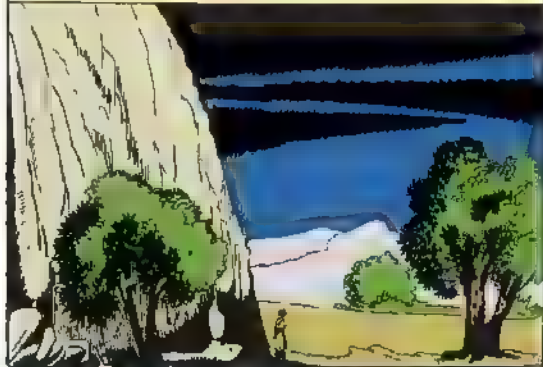
FORTUNATELY FOR HER THERE WAS A  
BUSH LOWER DOWN. SHE HUNG ON TO IT...



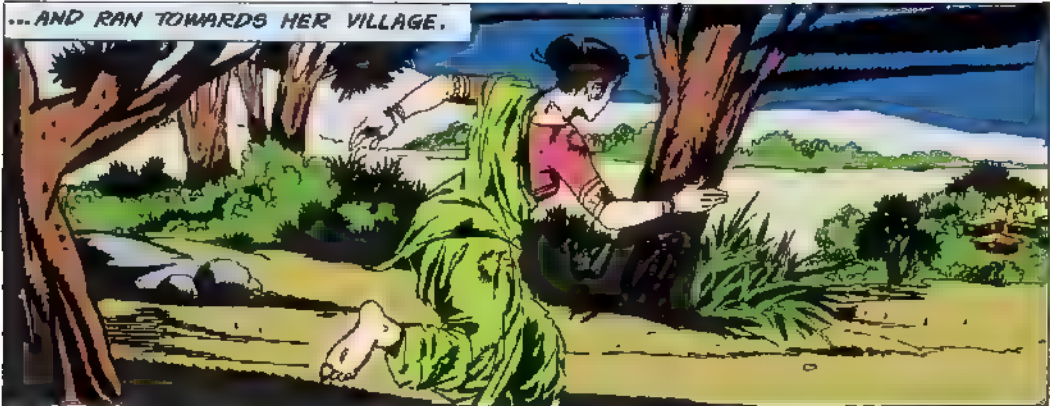
...AND STEADIED HERSELF.



AT LAST SHE REACHED THE BASE...



...AND RAN TOWARDS HER VILLAGE.



THE FOLLOWING MORNING WHEN THE GUARDS OPENED THE GATE...

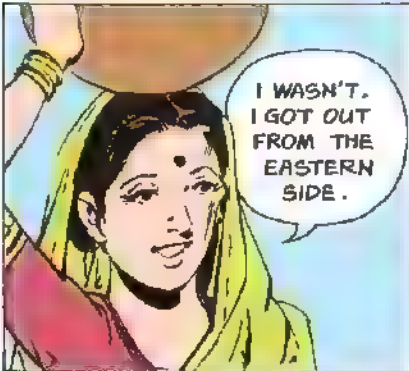


...THEY COULD NOT BELIEVE THEIR EYES.



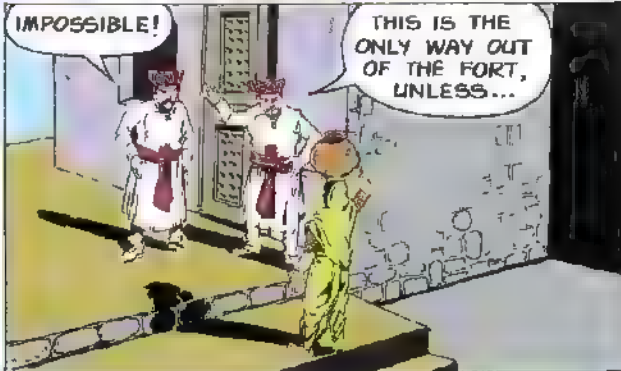
YOU!

BUT...YOU WERE INSIDE THE FORT LAST NIGHT!



I WASN'T. I GOT OUT FROM THE EASTERN SIDE.

IMPOSSIBLE!



THIS IS THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THE FORT, UNLESS...



...UNLESS THERE IS A SECRET PASSAGE.

AND THE MAHARAJ WOULD LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT THAT!

THE GUARDS MARCHED HIRA OFF TO SHIVAJI AND TOLD HIM EVERYTHING.

CAN YOU SHOW ME THE EXACT SPOT FROM WHERE YOU WENT DOWN THE HILL?

I CAN, MAHARAJ.





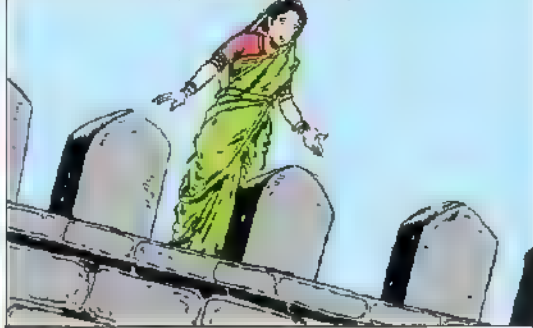
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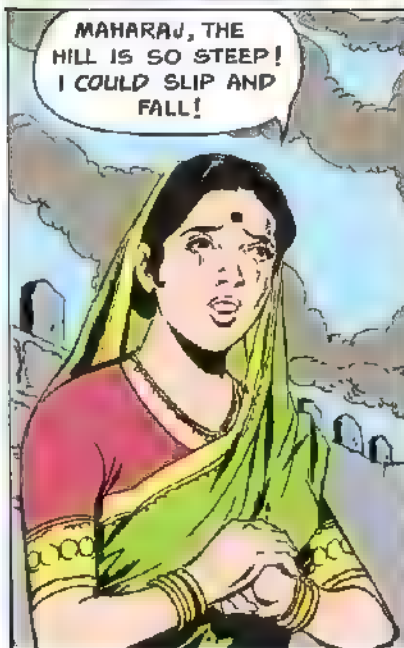
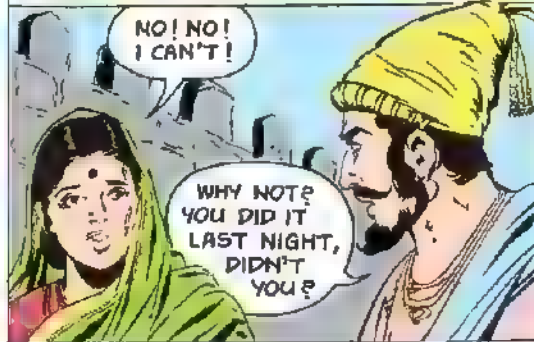
BUT WHEN SHE LOOKED DOWN...



...SHE WAS TERRIFIED.



SHE HURRIEDLY CLIMBED DOWN THE WALL.





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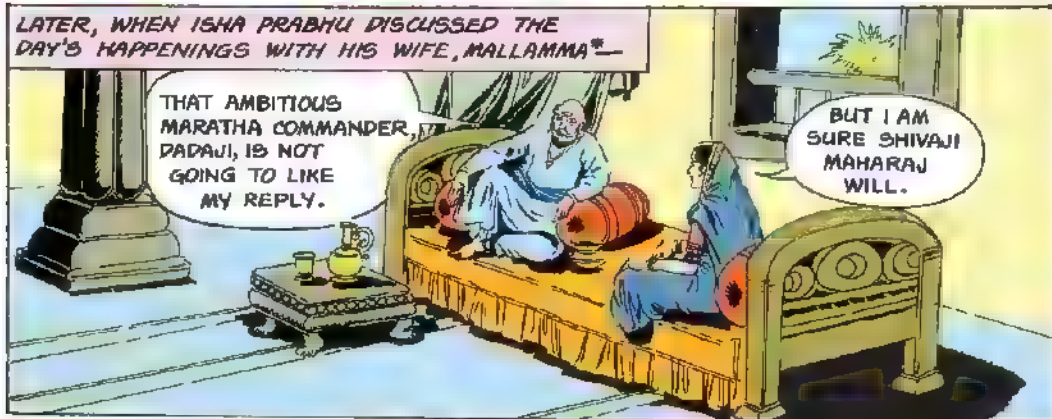
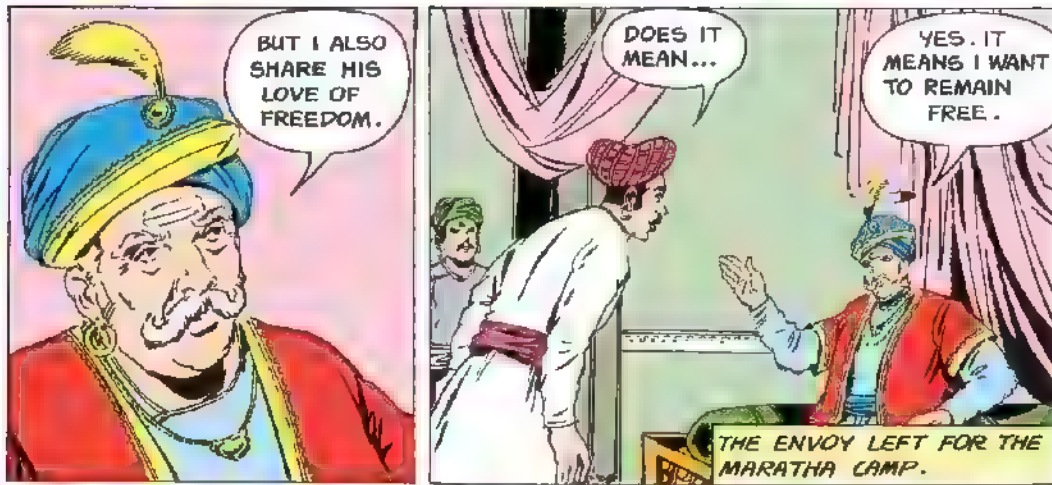




\* FEUDA. CHIEFTAIN + IN BELGAUM DISTRICT



TALES OF SHIVAJI



\* ALSO KNOWN BY THE NAME SAVITRIBA

AS EXPECTED, DADAJI LAID SIEGE TO BELAVADI.  
MARATHA SOLDIERS SURROUNDED THE FORT.



BUT ISHA PRABHU WAS PREPARED FOR A SIEGE.





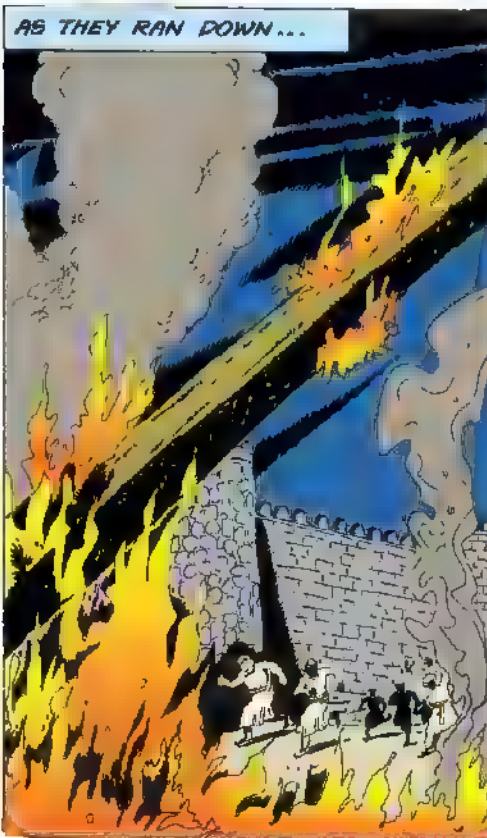
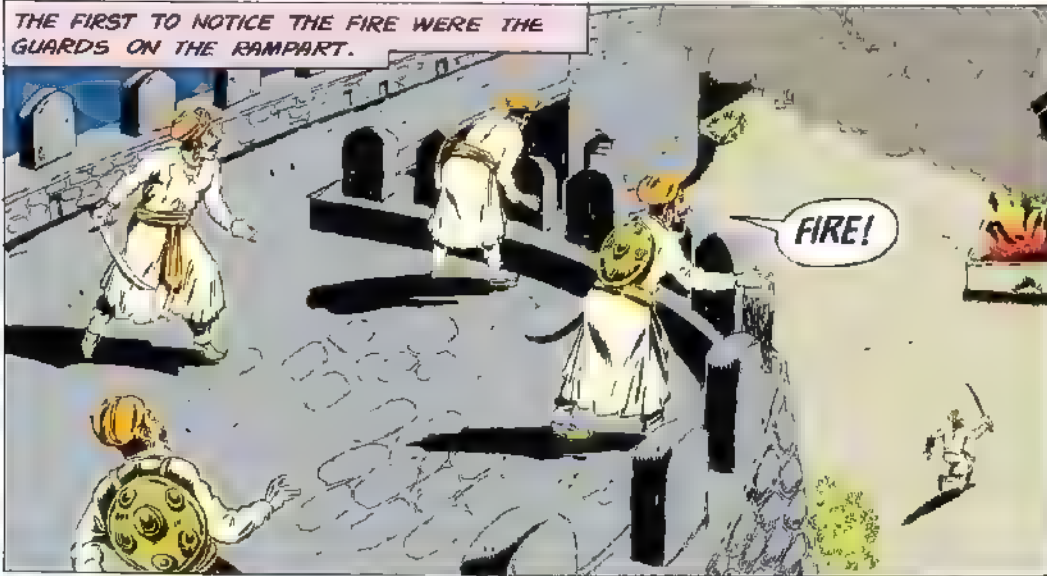
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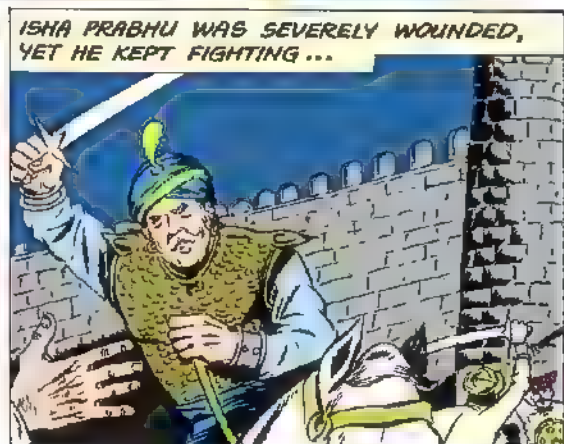
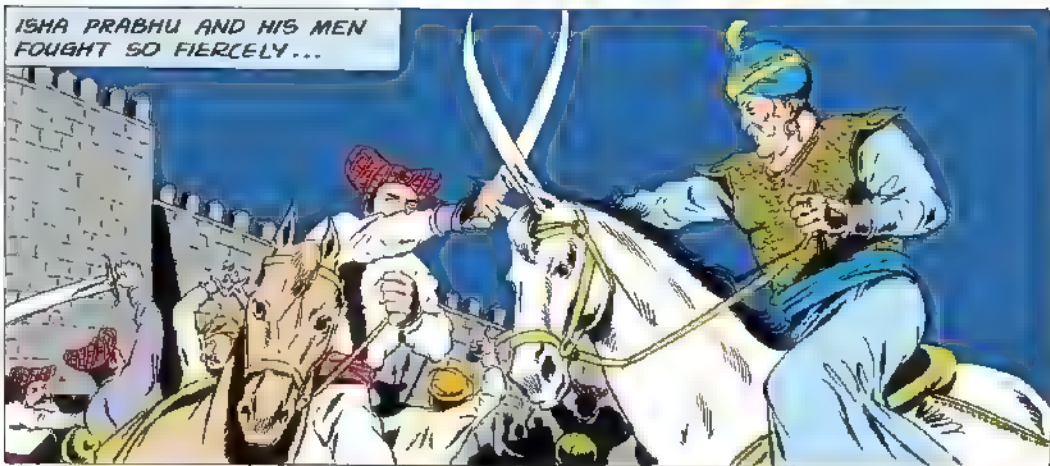
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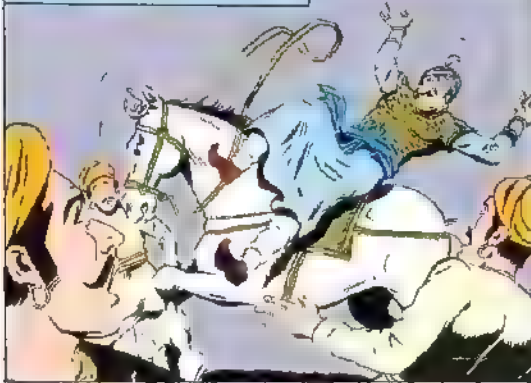
...TILL THE MARATHAS WERE  
DRIVEN OUT OF THE FORT.



EVEN AS THE GATES WERE  
CLOSED ...



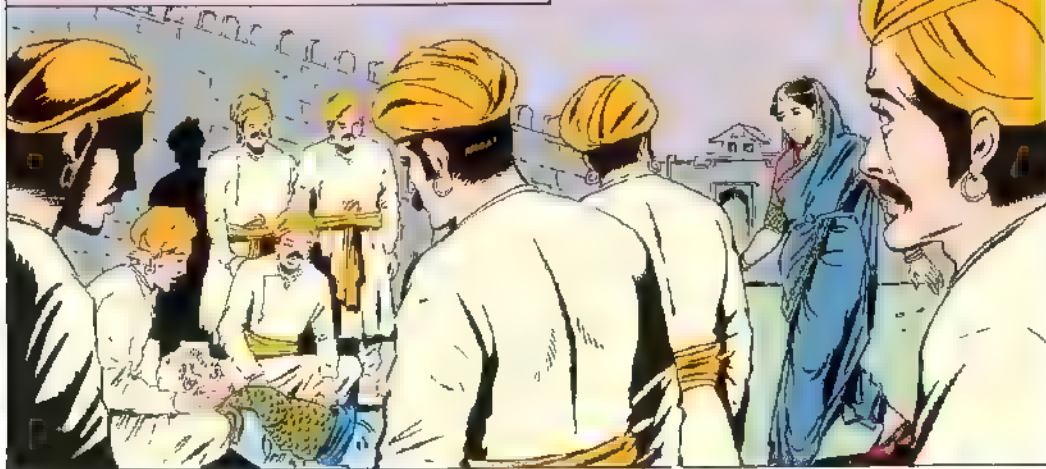
...ISHA PRABHU FELL.



HIS MEN FOUND HIM DEAD.

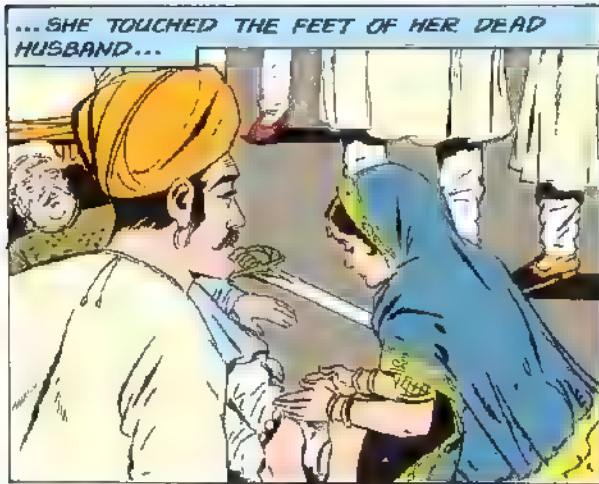


WHEN THE RANI CAME TO THE SPOT...





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INSPIRED BY HER COURAGE THE MEN  
FOUGHT FIERCELY.



THE RANI MOVED WITH LIGHTNING  
SPEED.



DADAJI'S MEN REELED UNDER THE ATTACK.

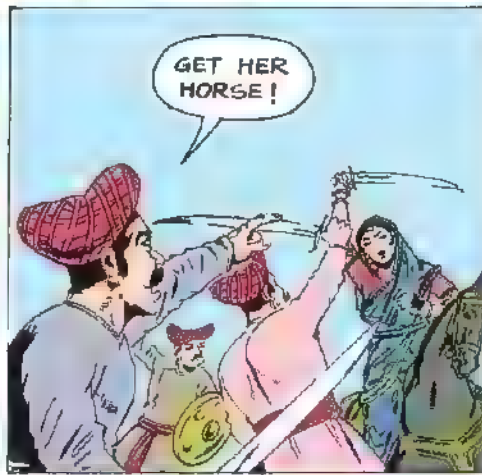


WE'LL LOSE THE  
BATTLE UNLESS  
THE RANI IS  
CONTAINED.





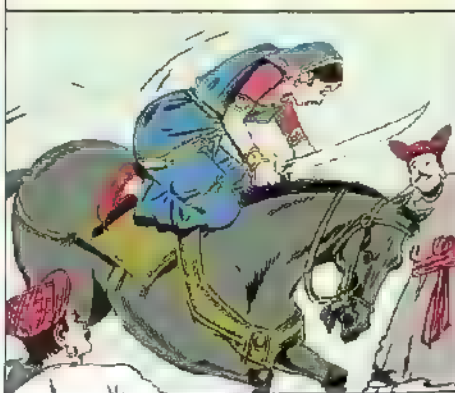
AS THE MEN CLOSED IN ON HER, THE RANI FOUGHT EVEN MORE VIGOROUSLY.



THE LEGS OF THE RANI'S HORSE WERE HACKED OFF.



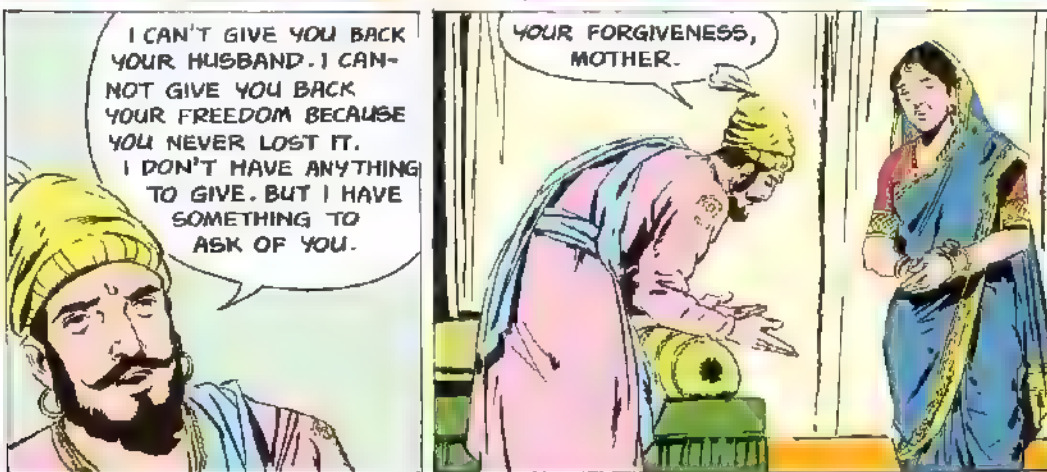
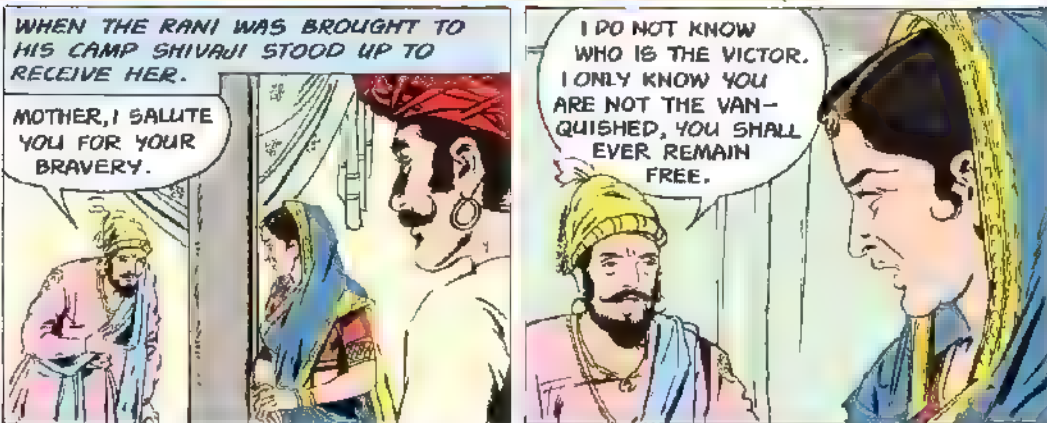
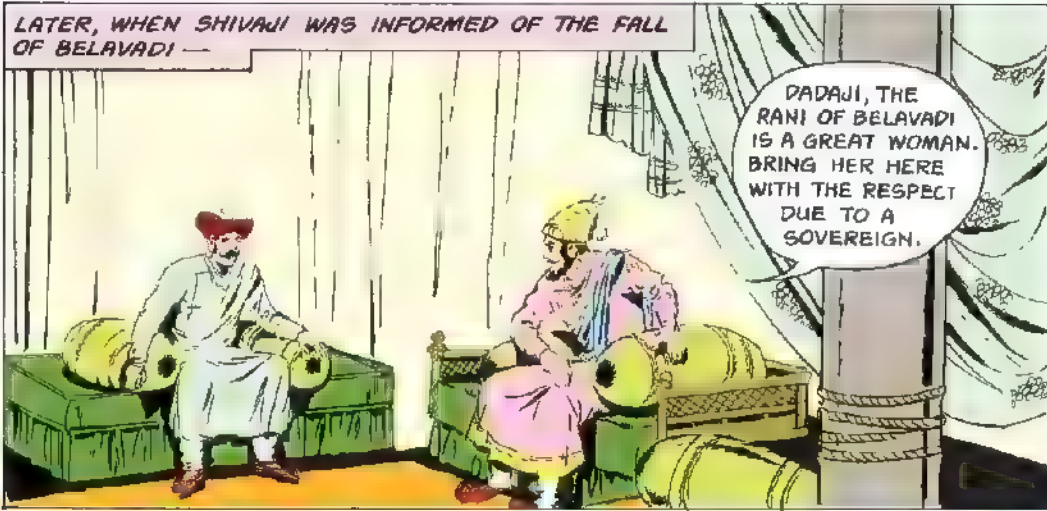
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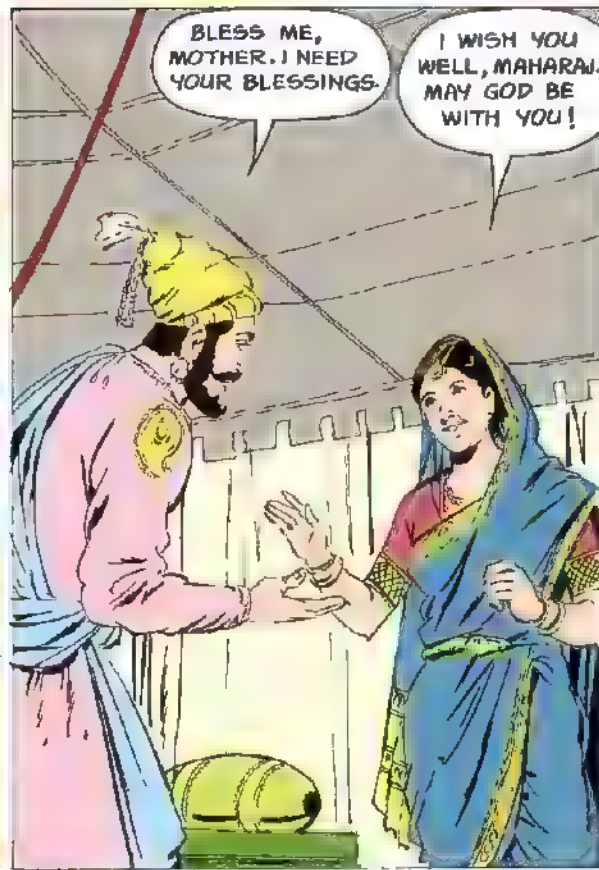
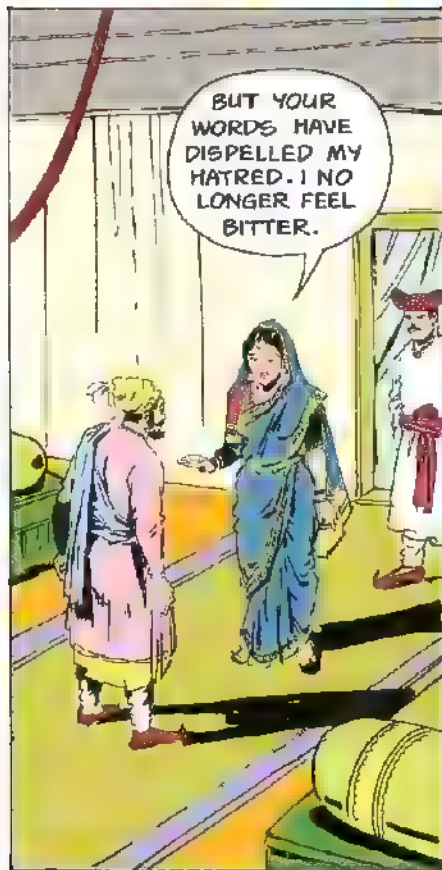


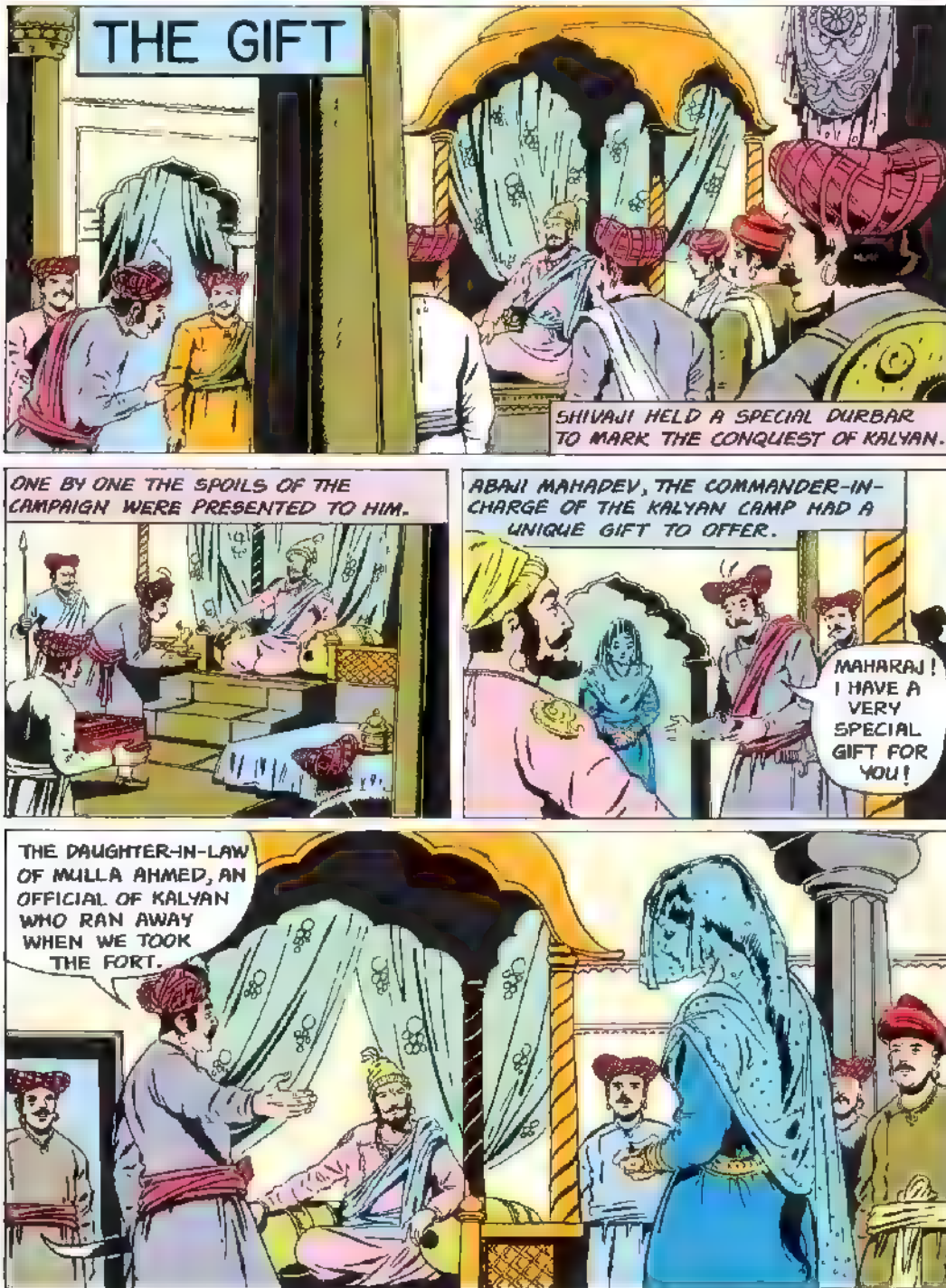
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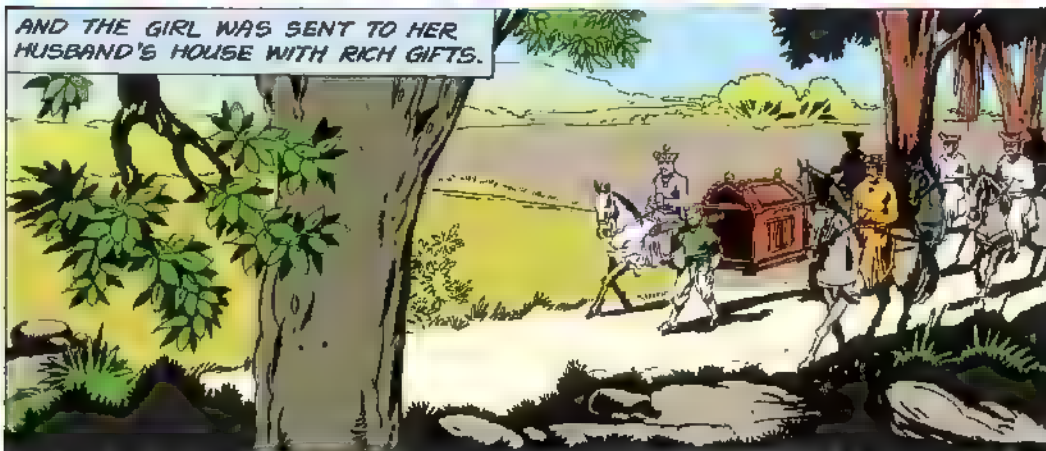
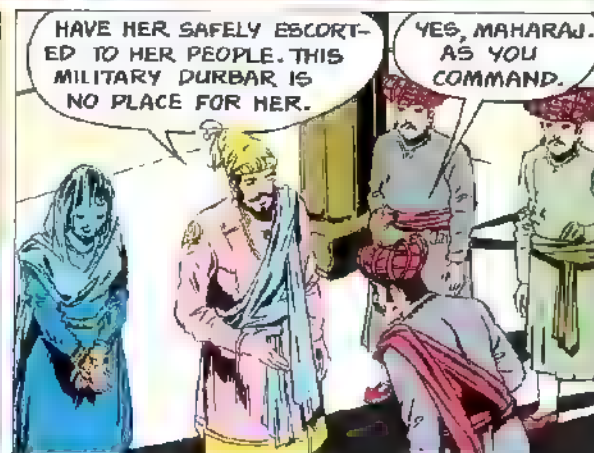






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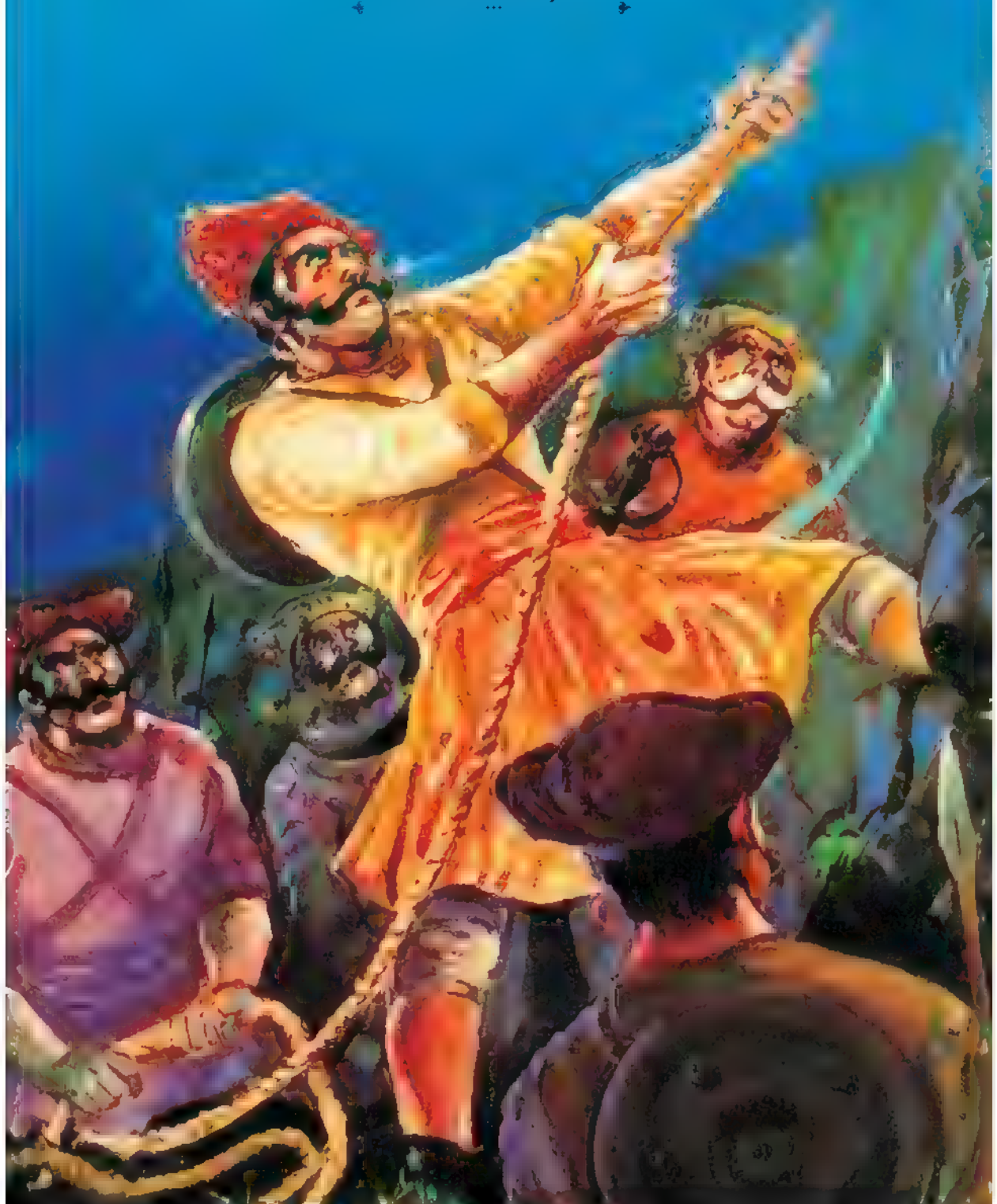
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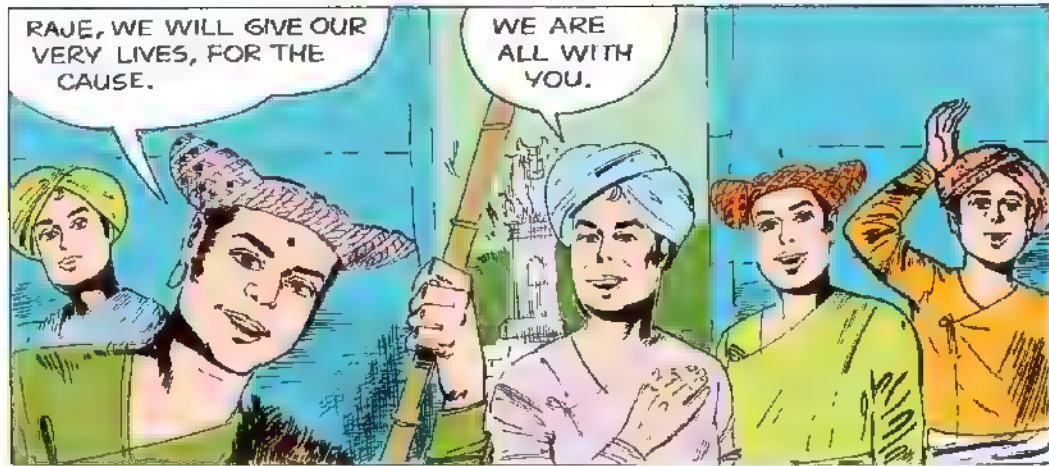
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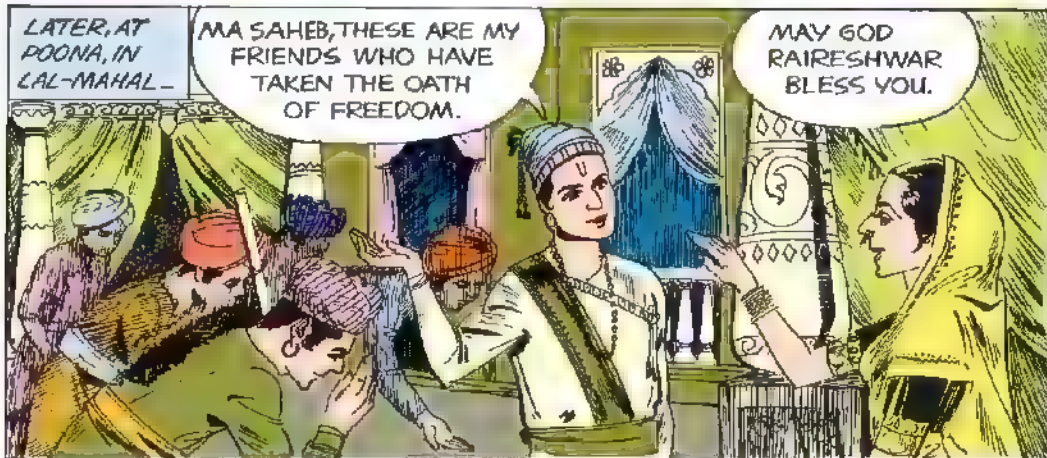
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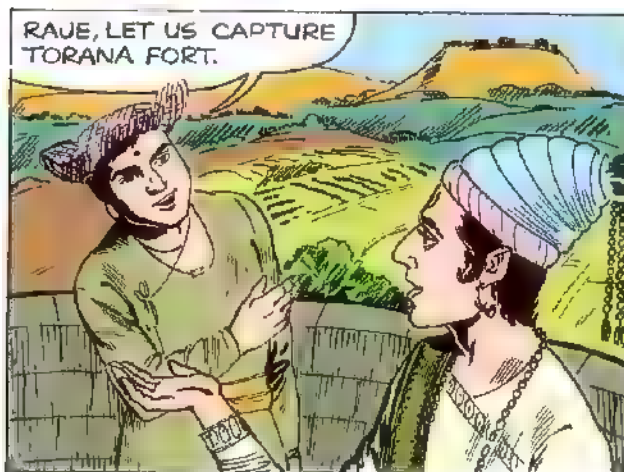
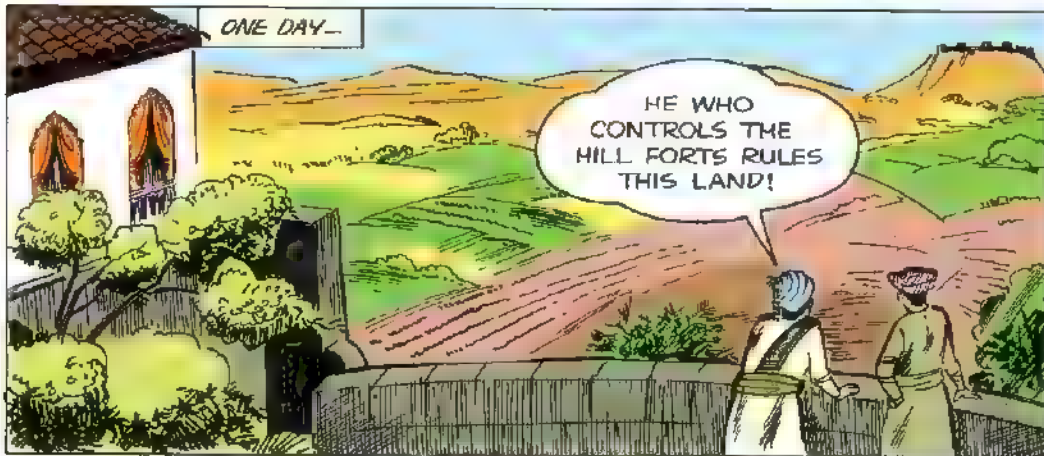
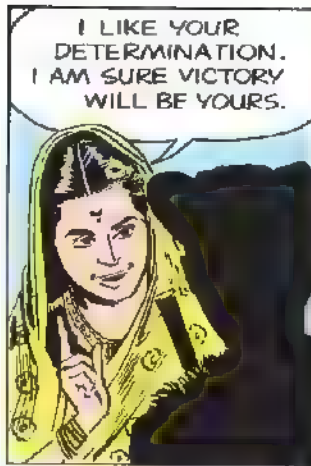




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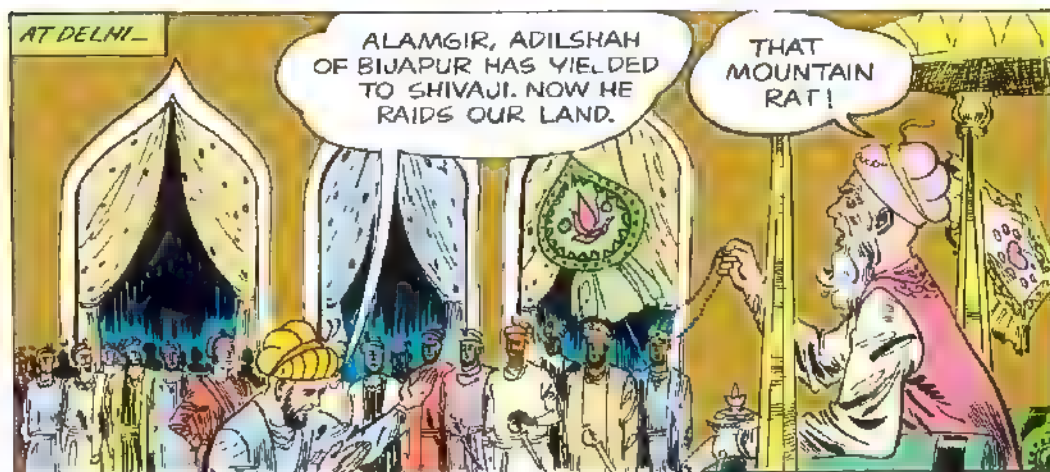
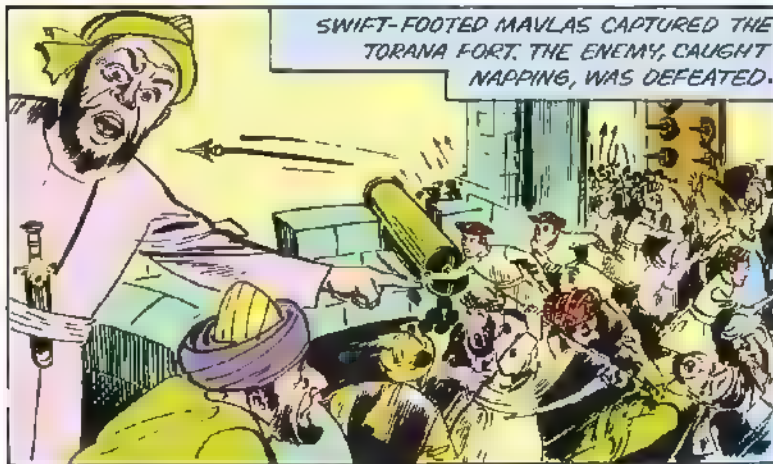


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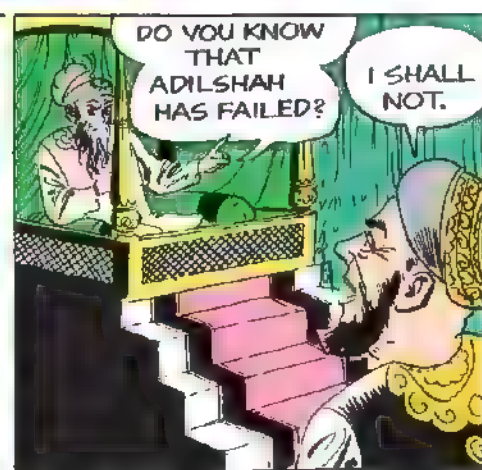
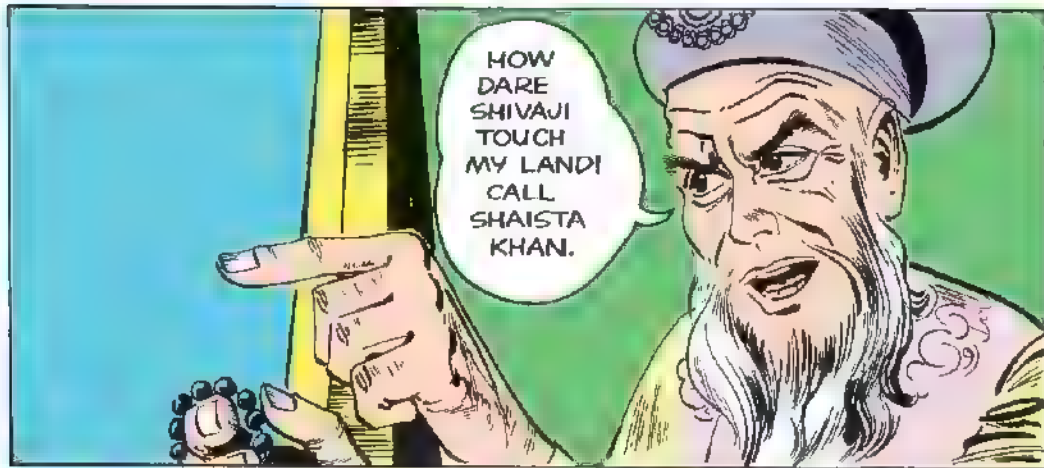




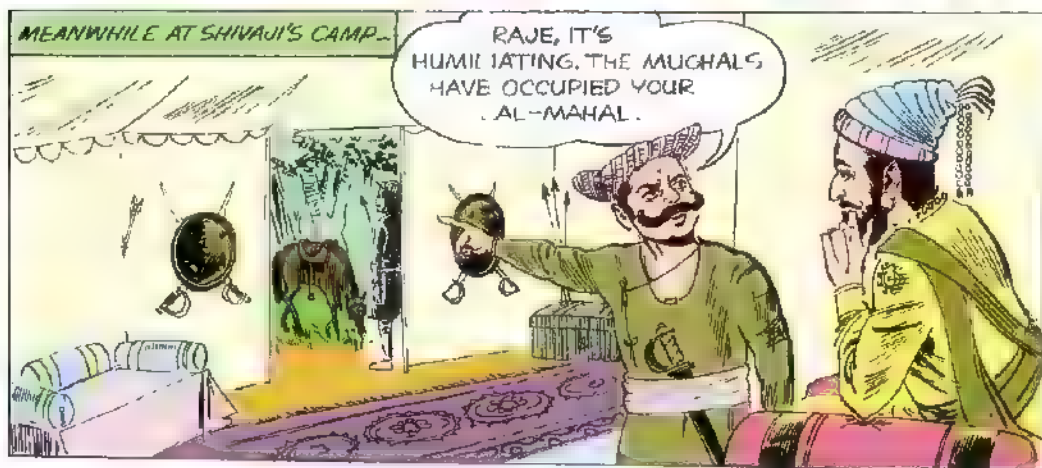
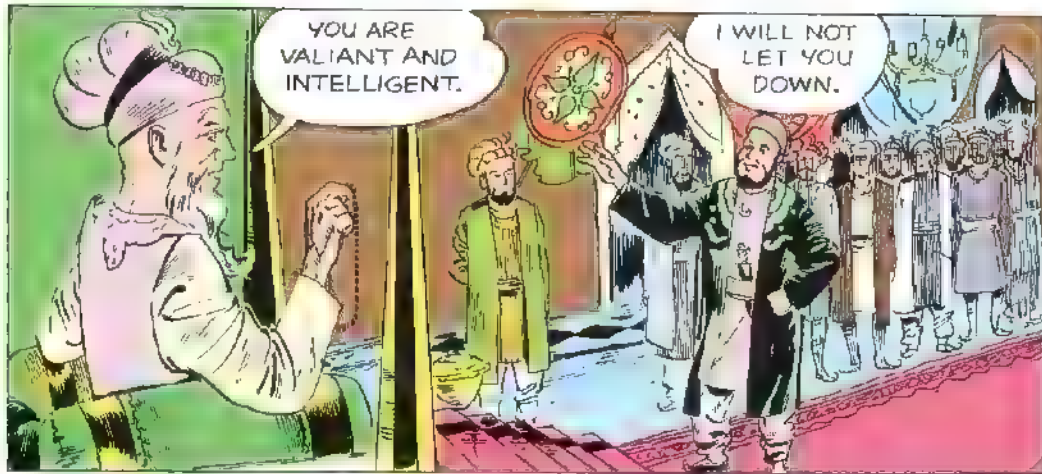
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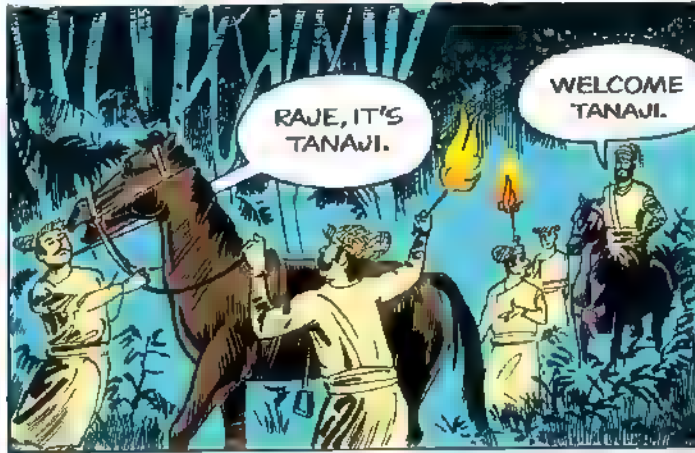


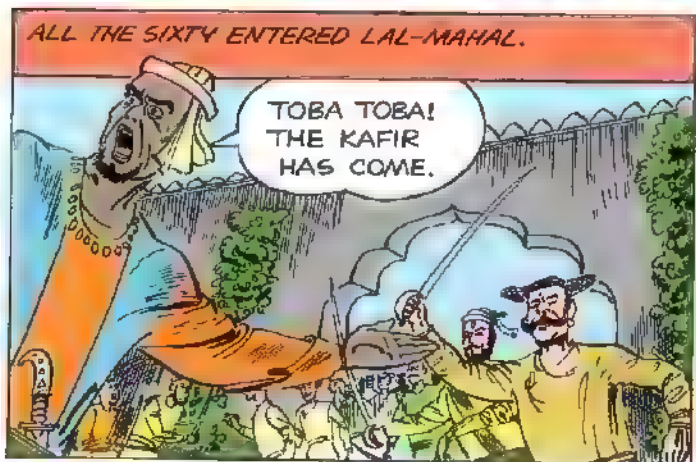
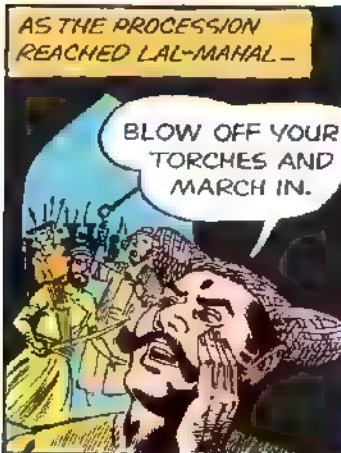
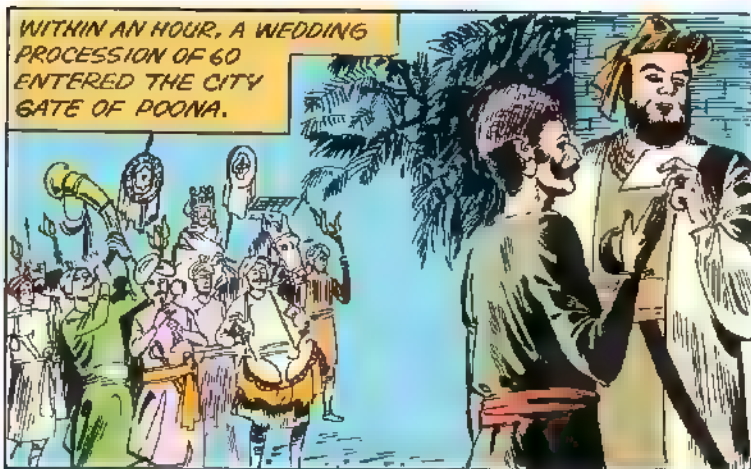
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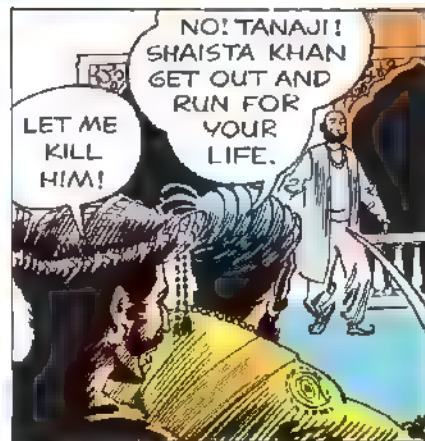
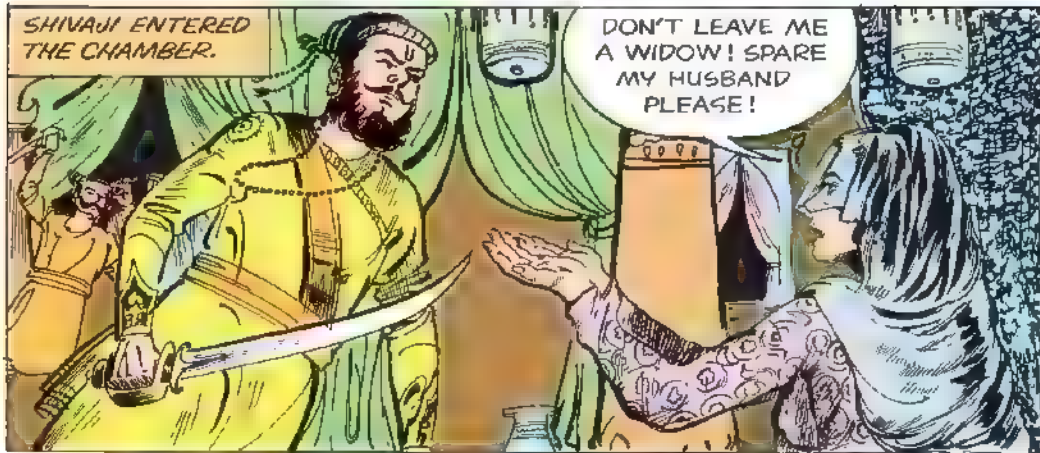




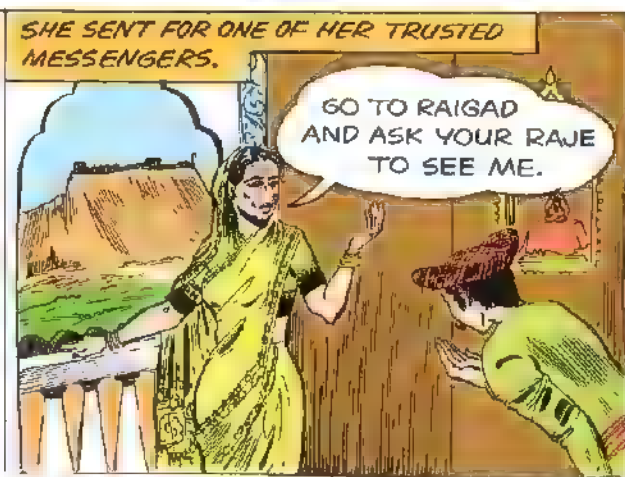
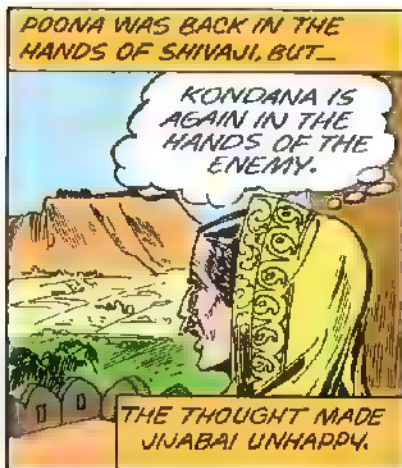
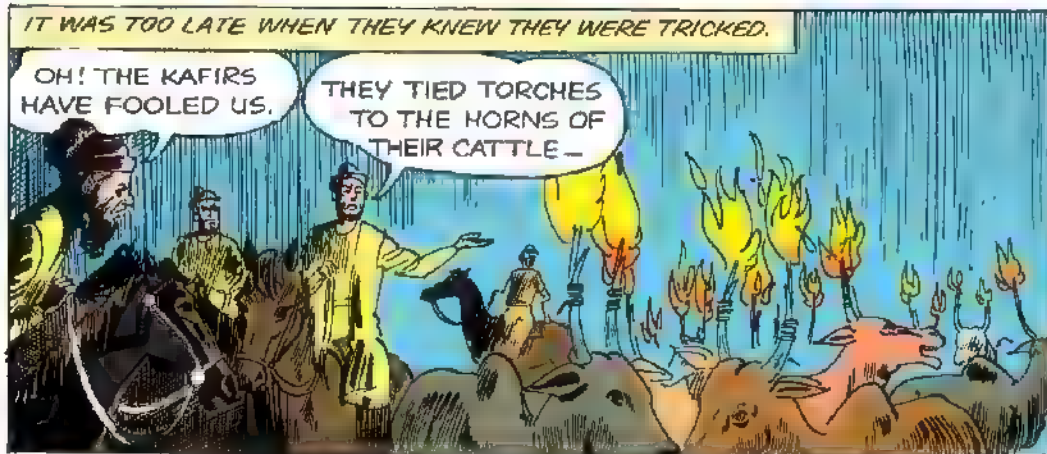
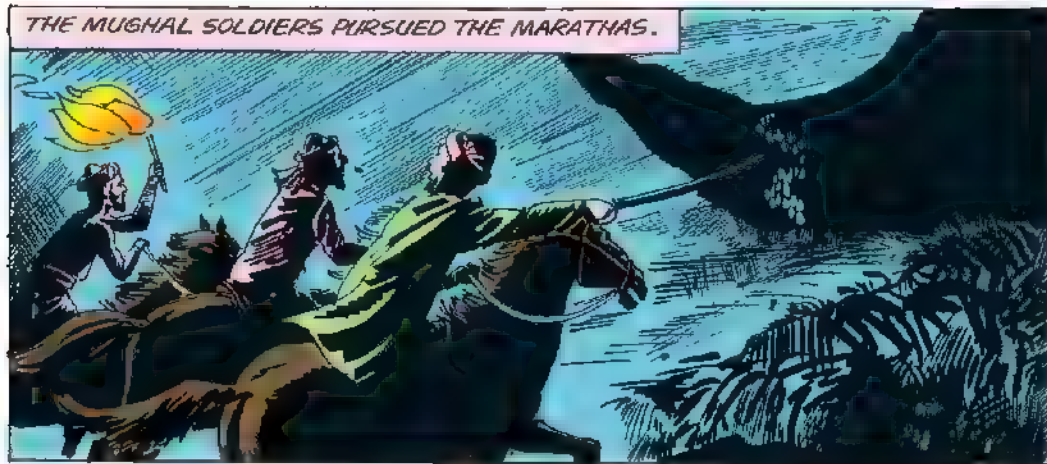


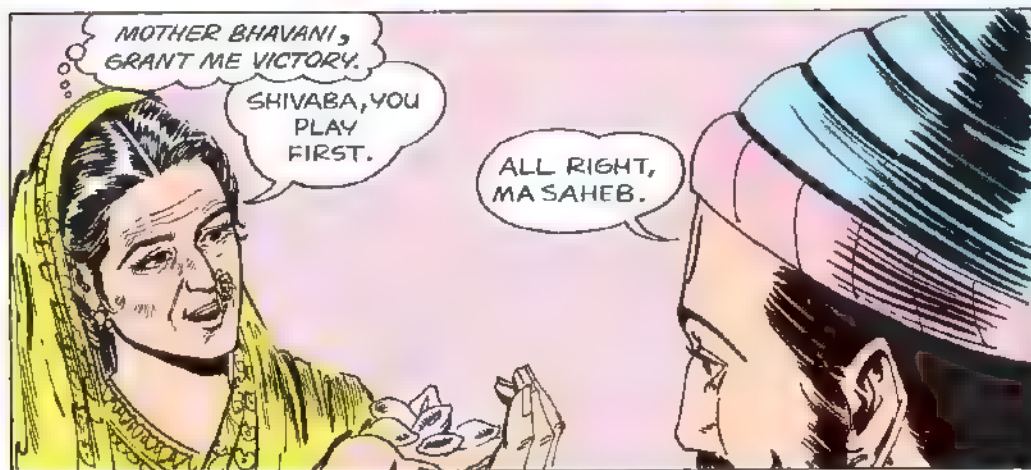






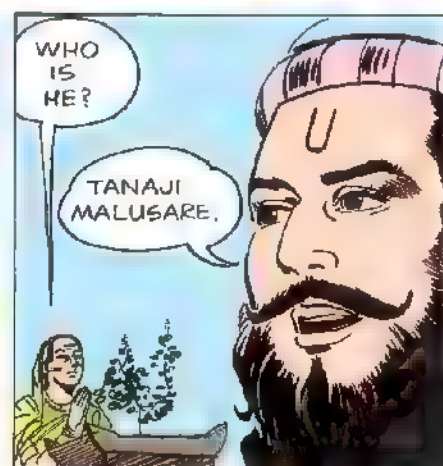
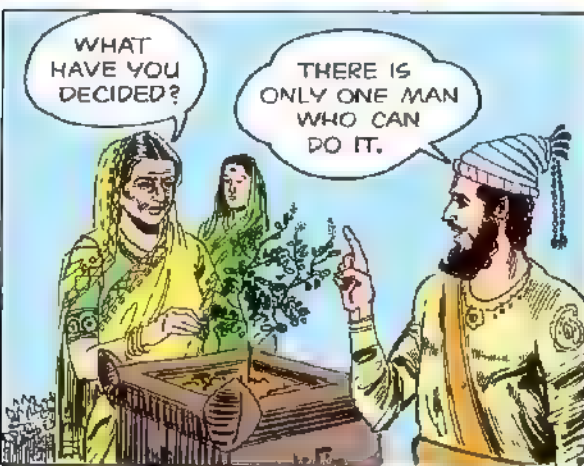
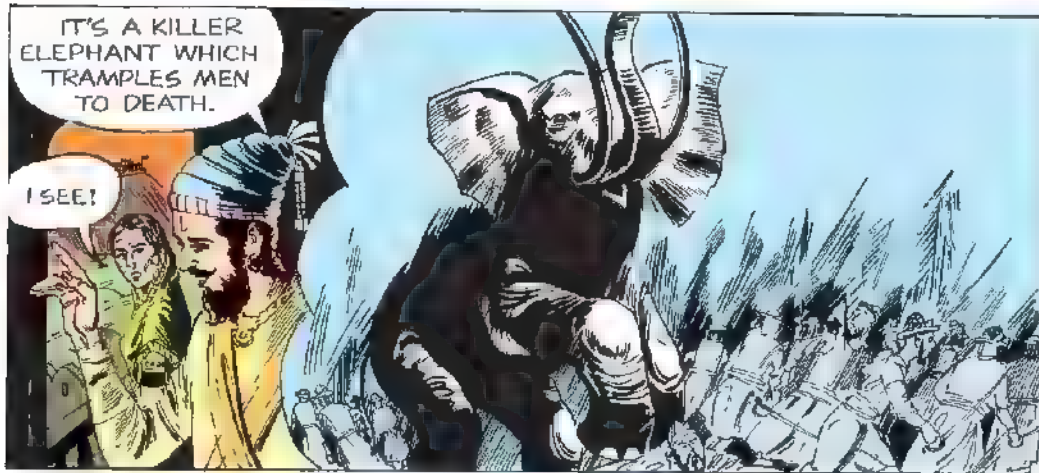


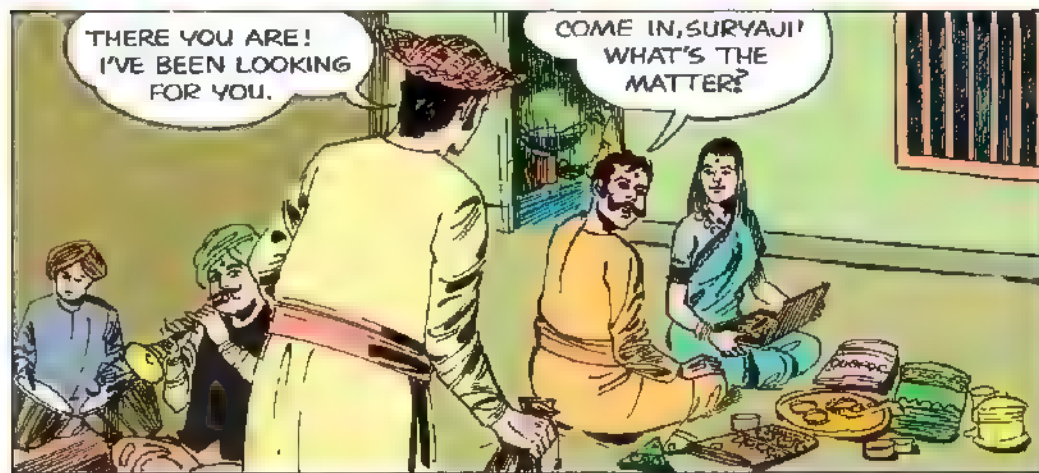
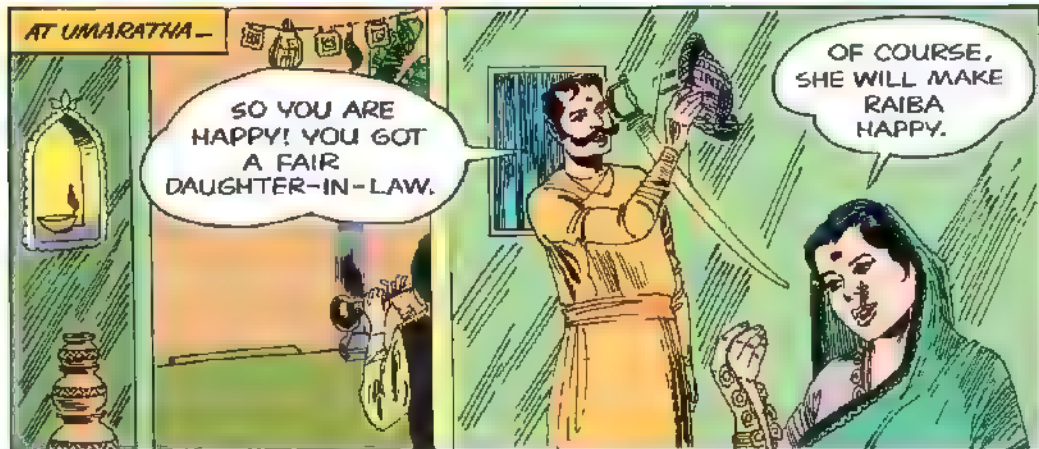
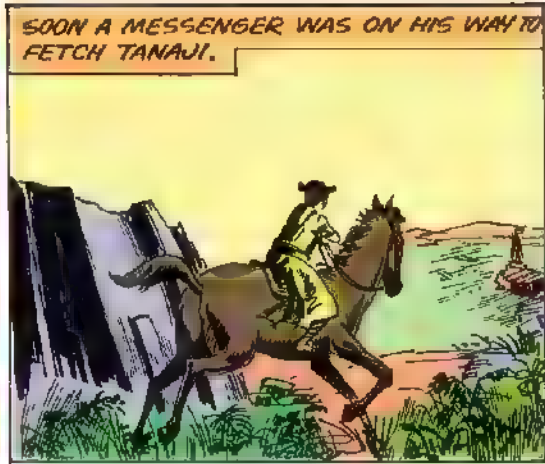
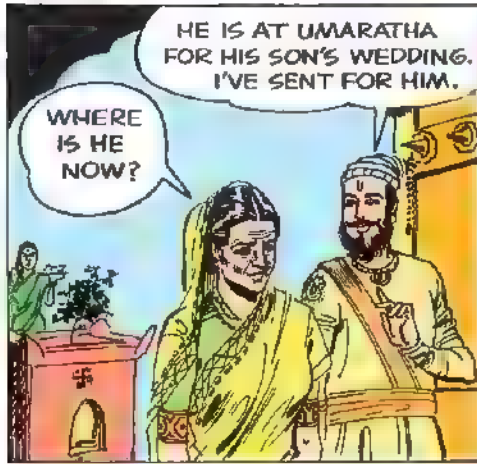


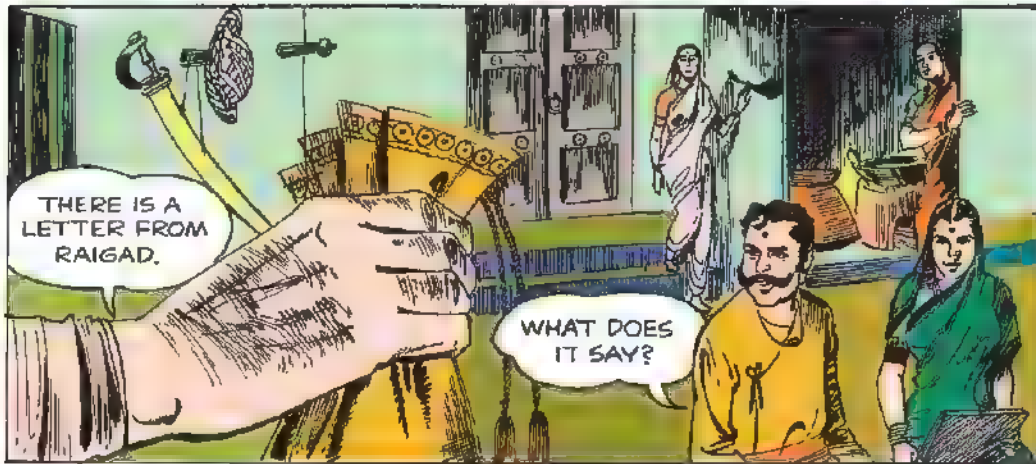




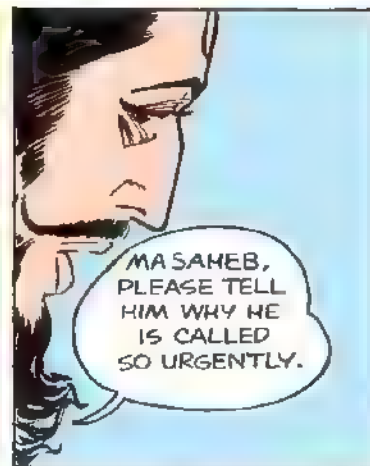
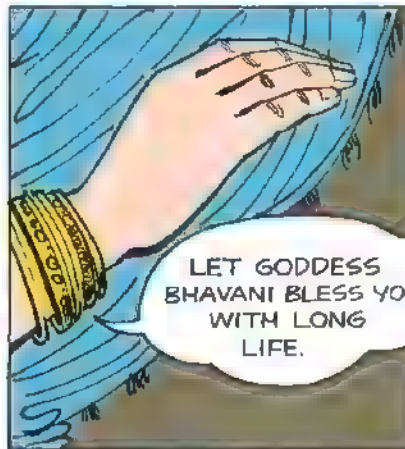
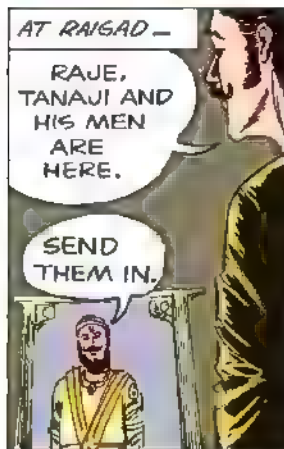
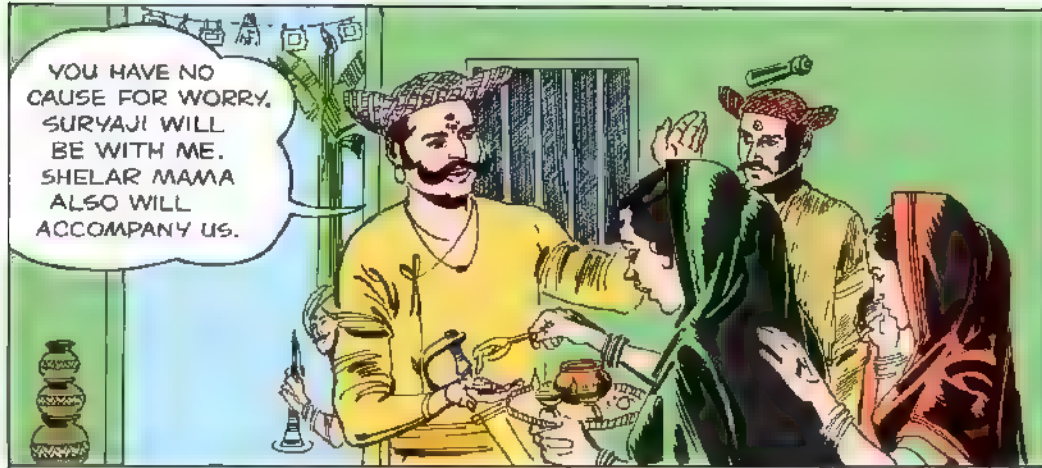


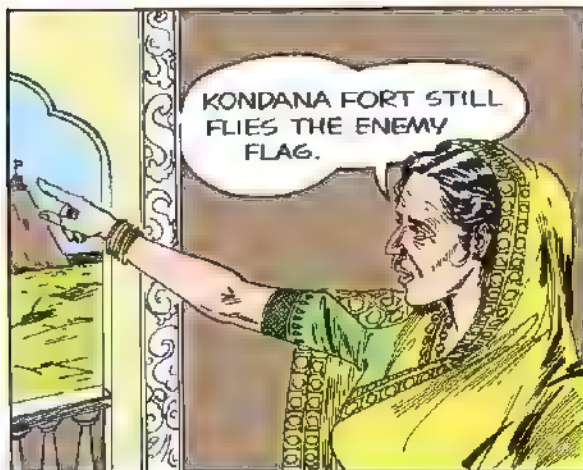
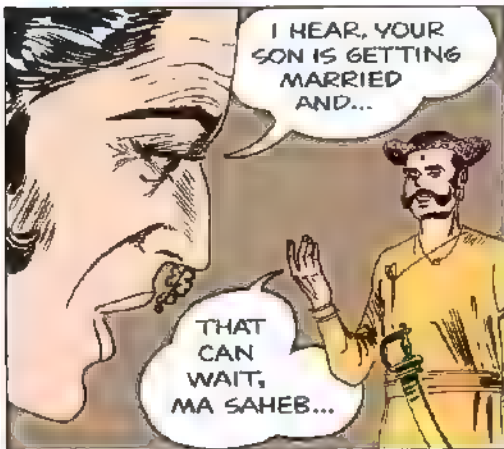




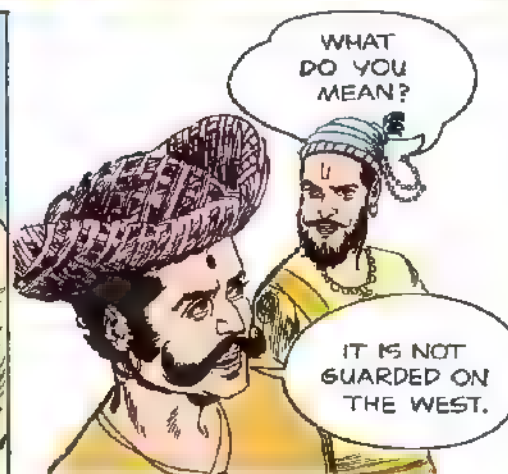
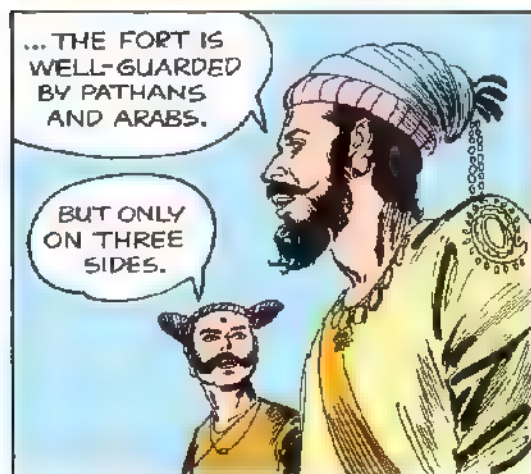
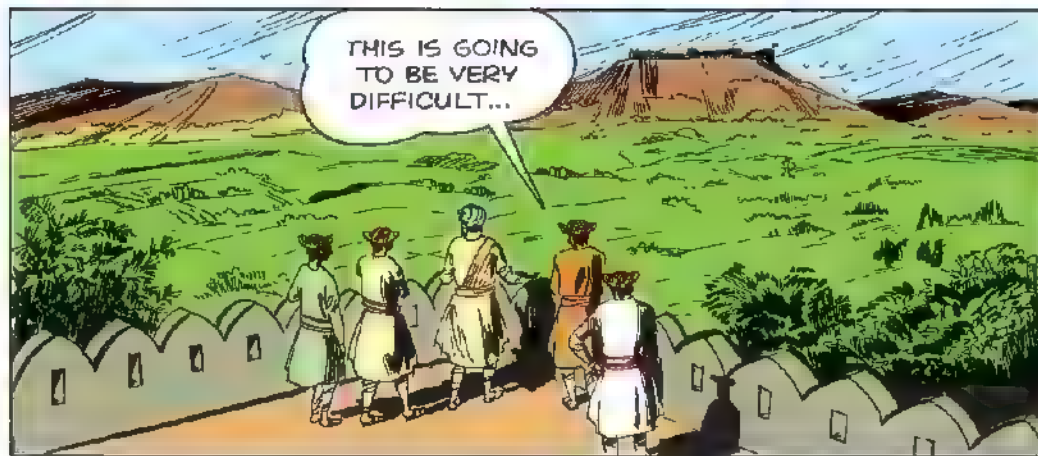
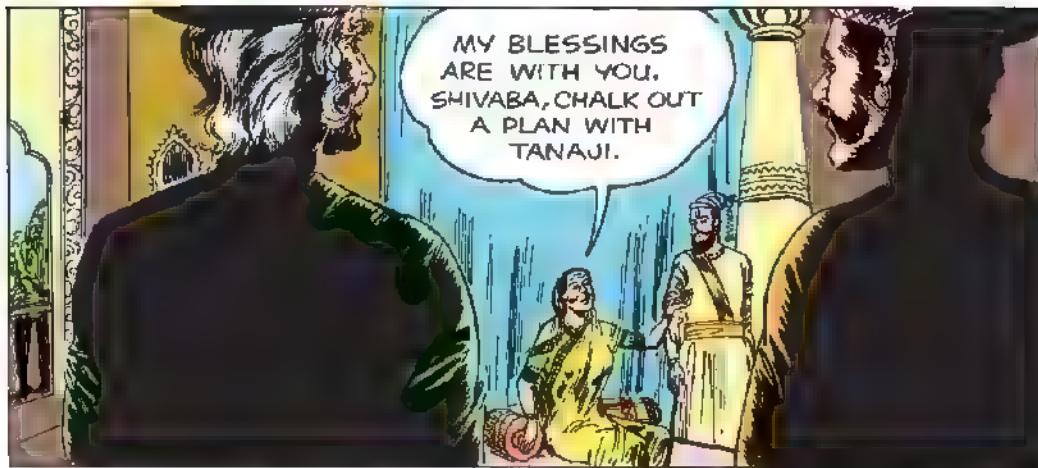




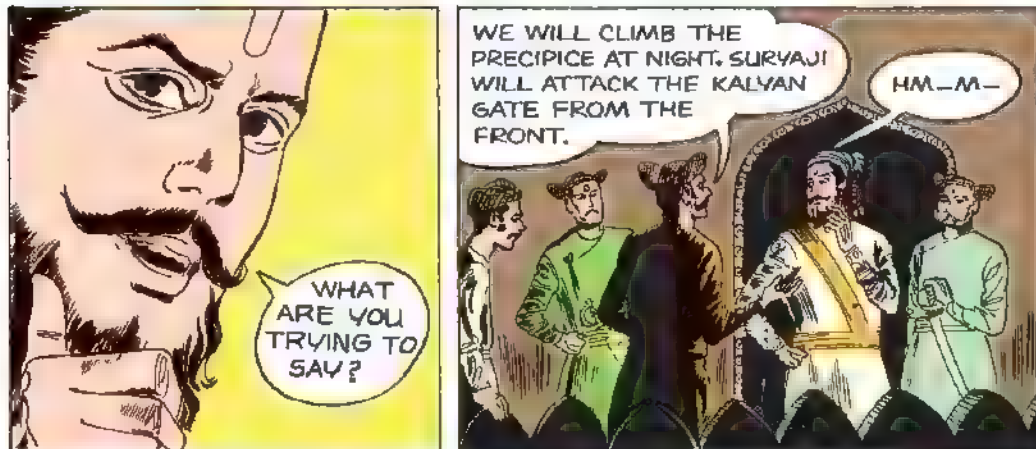




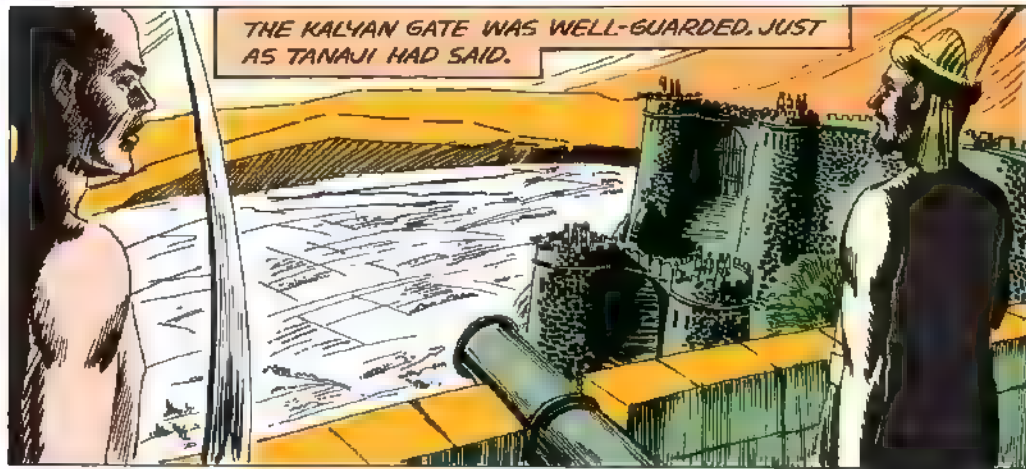
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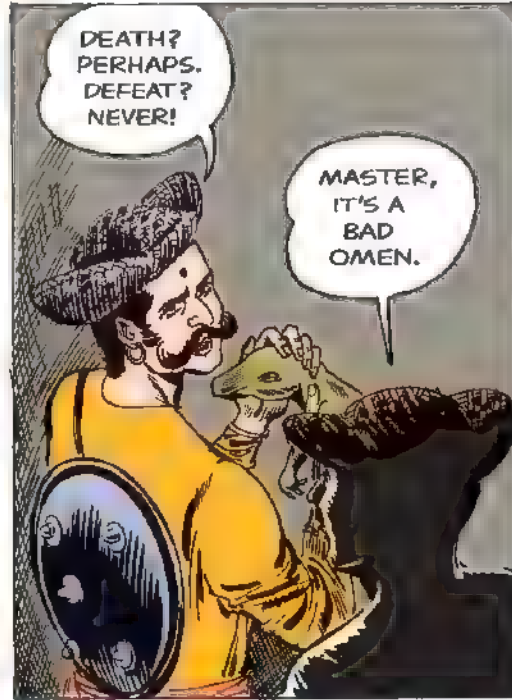




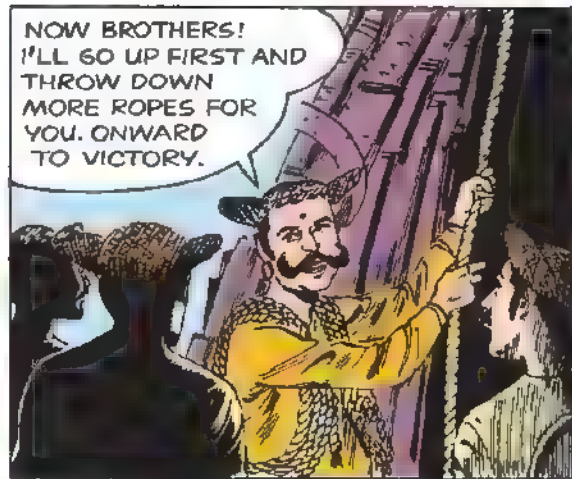


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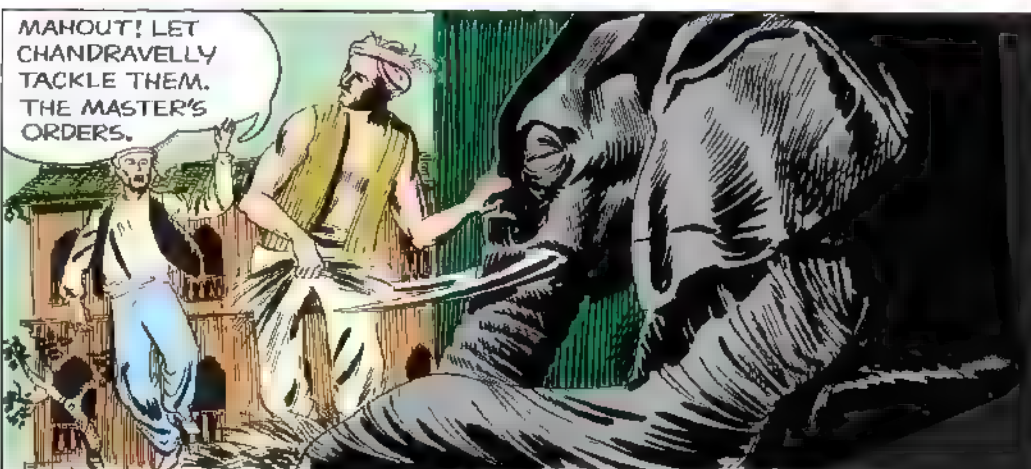


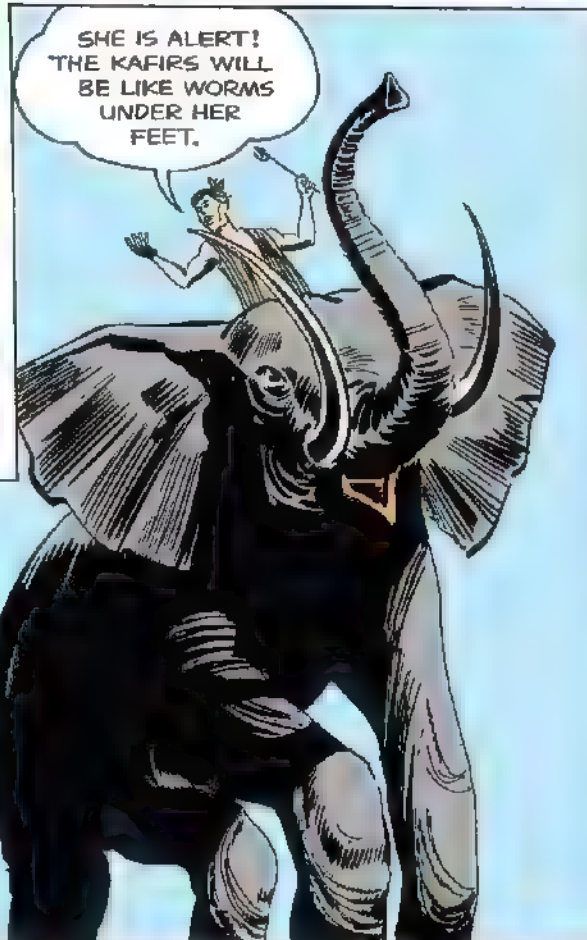
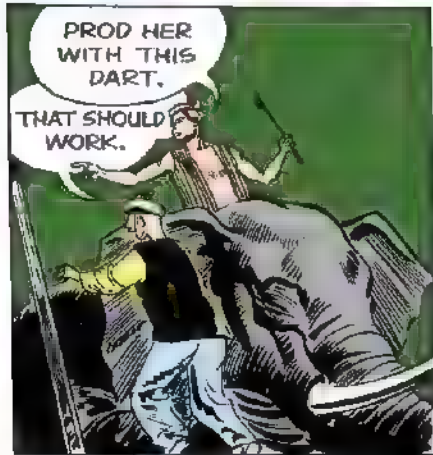
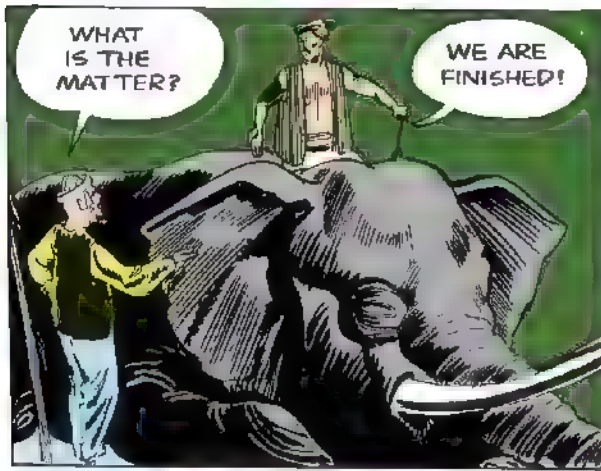


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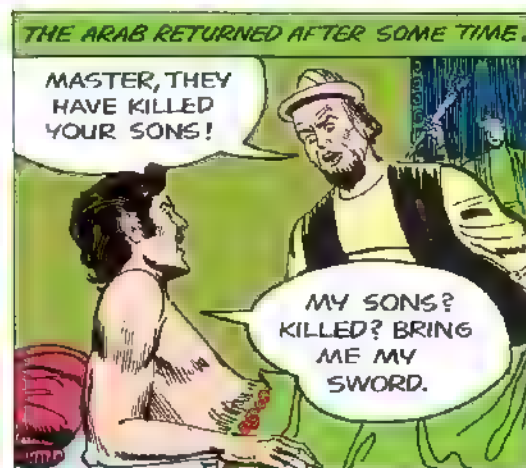
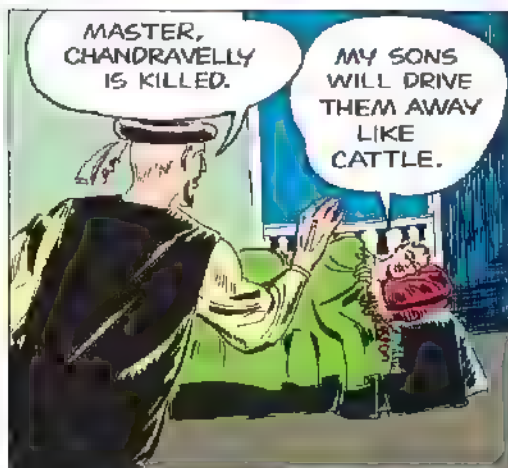
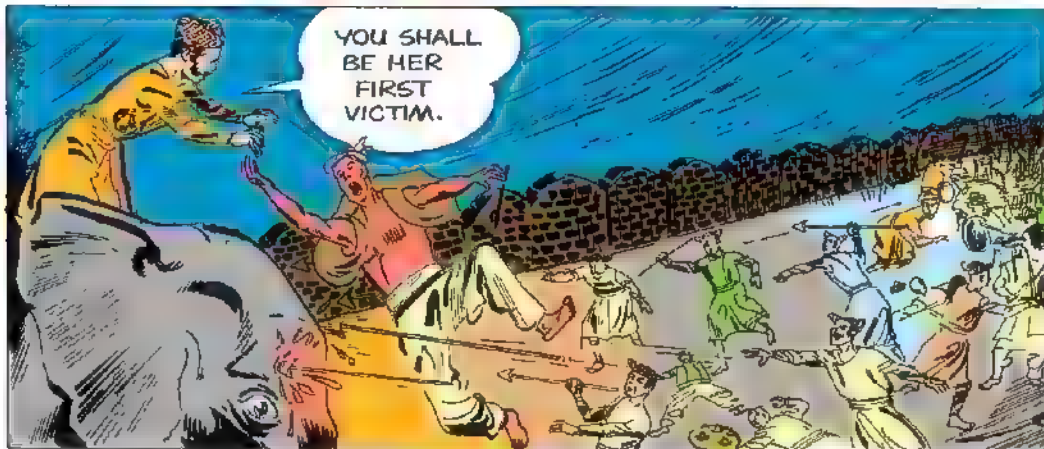
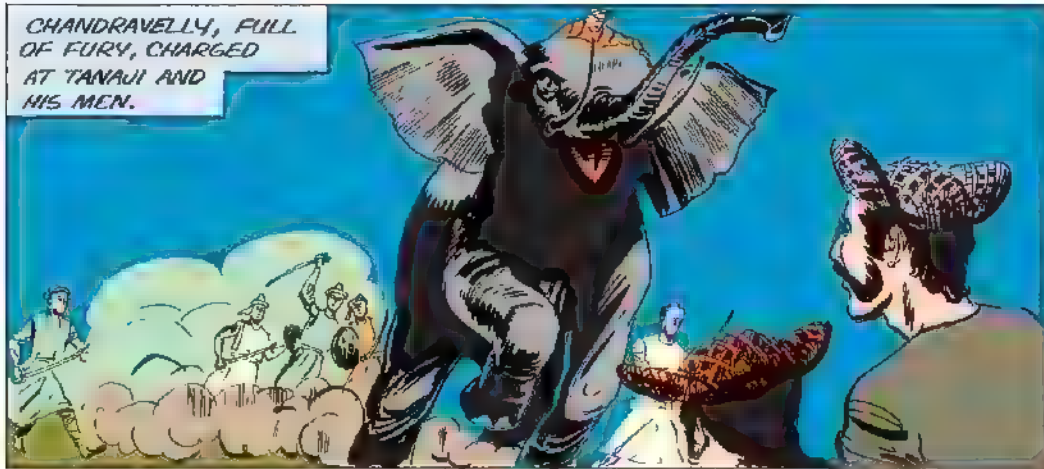


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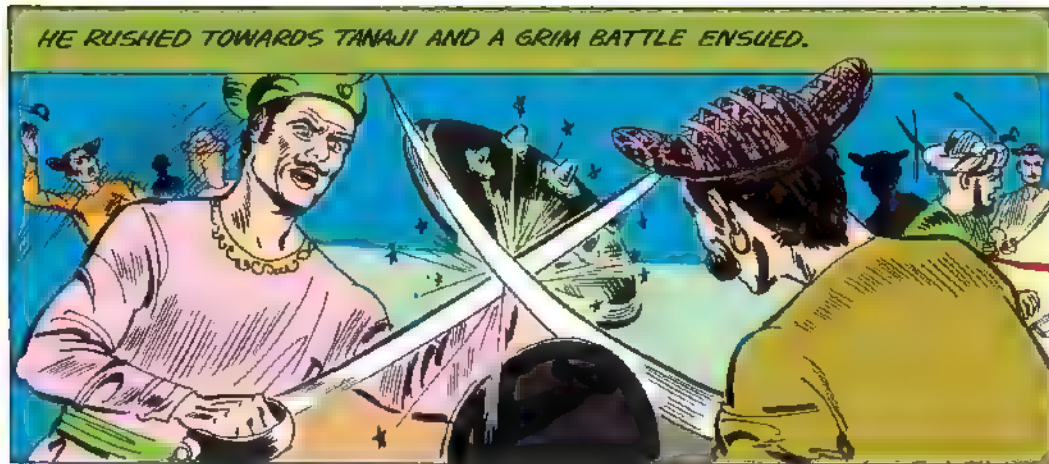


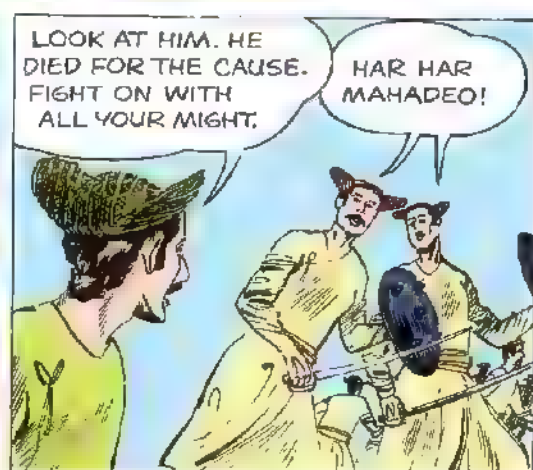
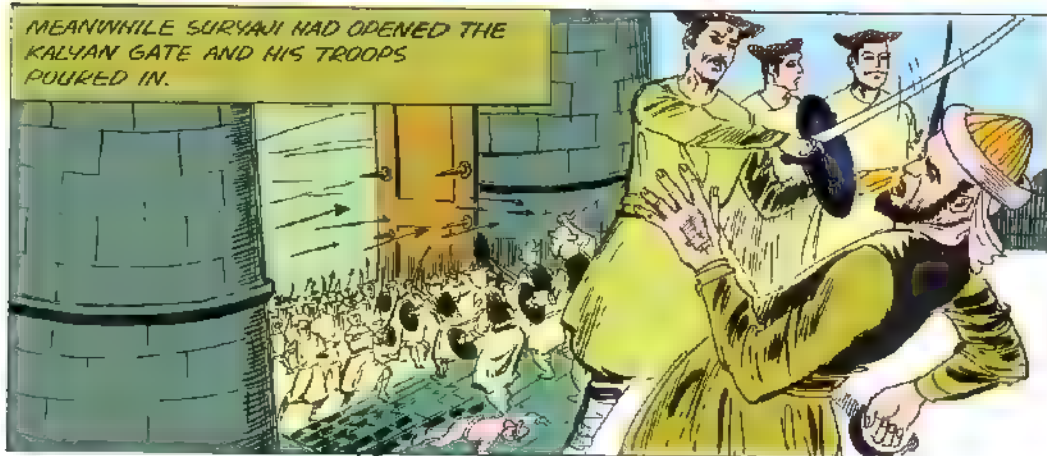




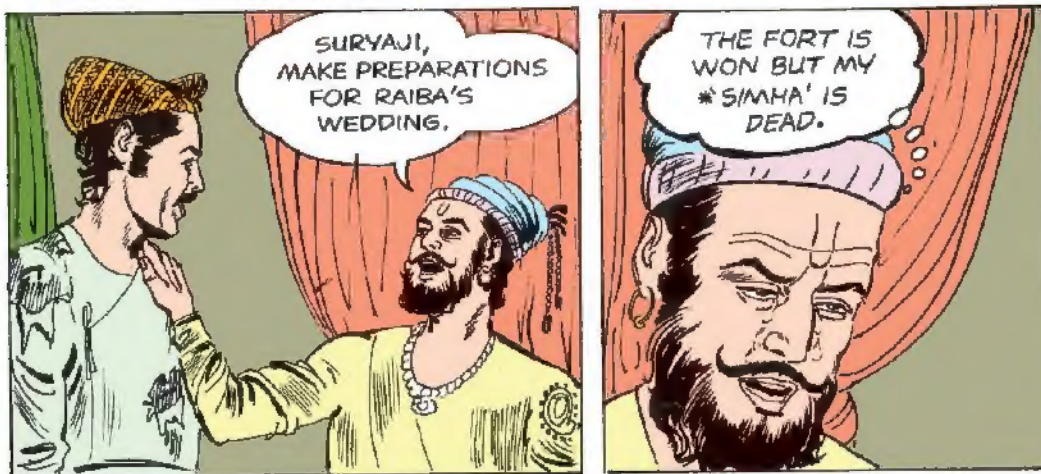
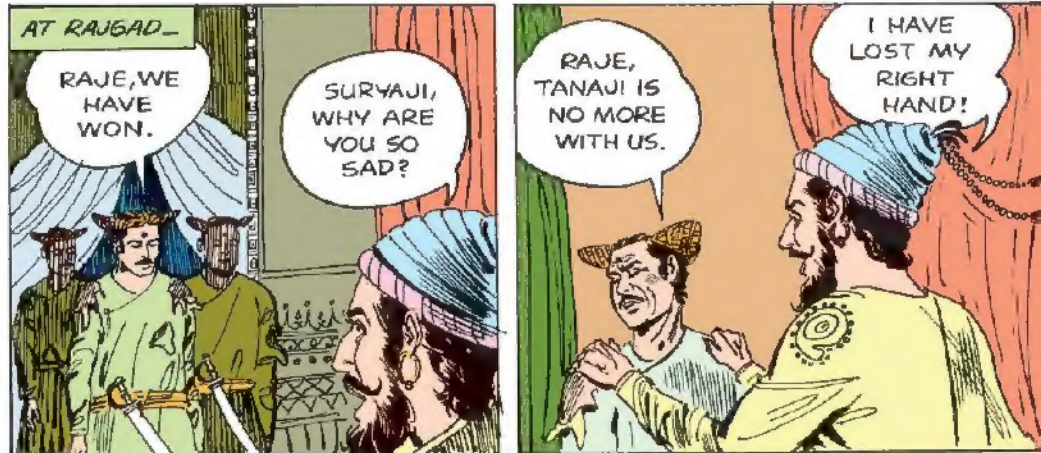
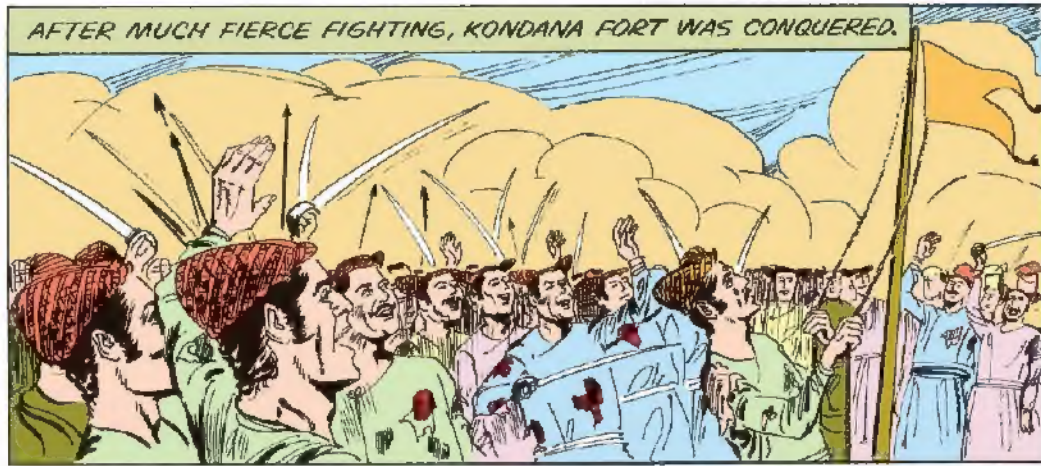


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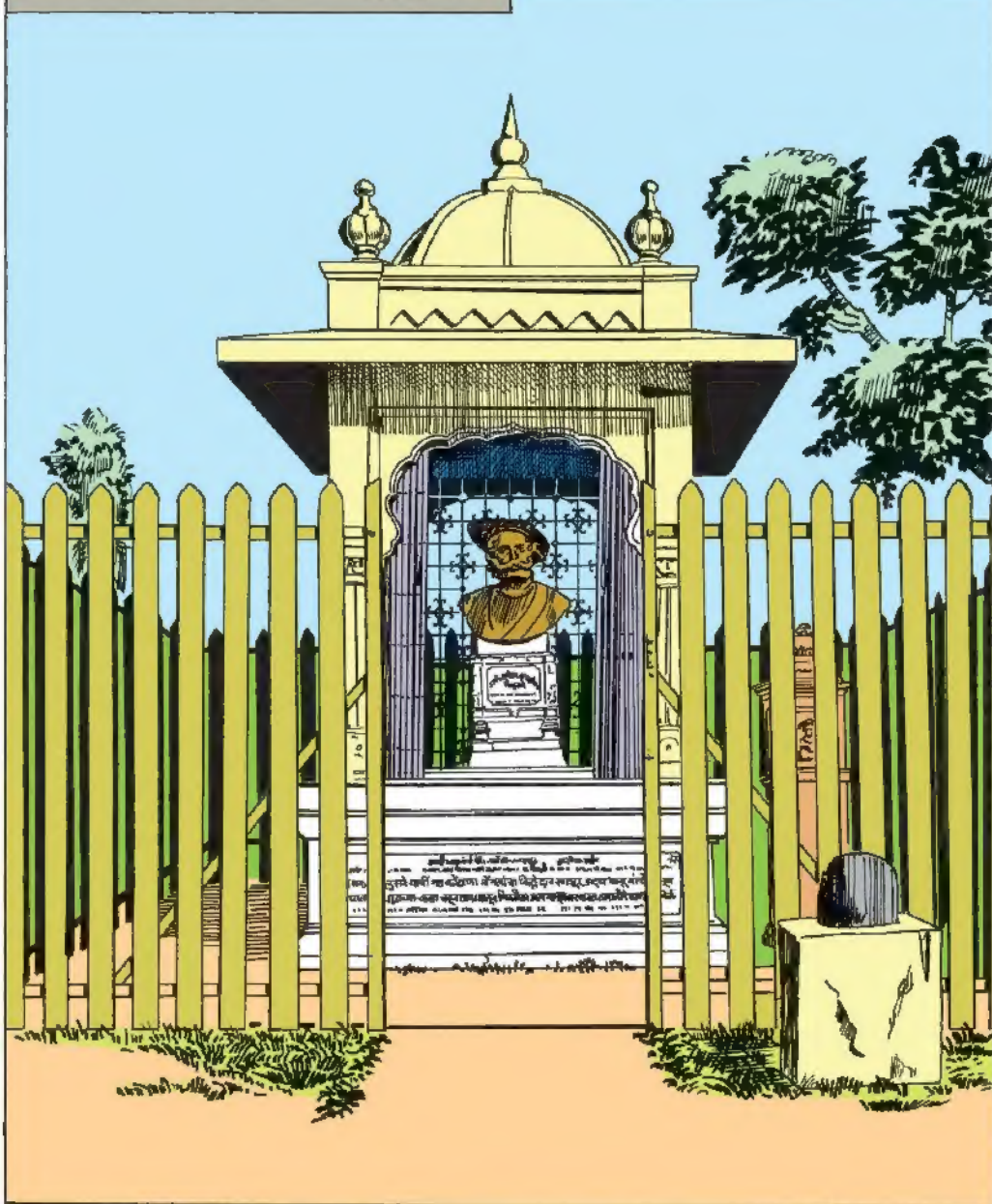






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THE "SIMHA" WAS DEAD BUT HIS MEMORY WAS KEPT ALIVE. KONDANA FORT RECEIVED A NEW NAME - SIMHAGAD.



AT SIMHAGAD SHIVAJI BUILT A MONUMENT ON THE SPOT WHERE TANAJI WAS KILLED AND TILL THIS DAY IT IS KNOWN AS 'VIRASANA'.



## WHICH OF THE ACKs HAVE YOU STILL NOT READ?

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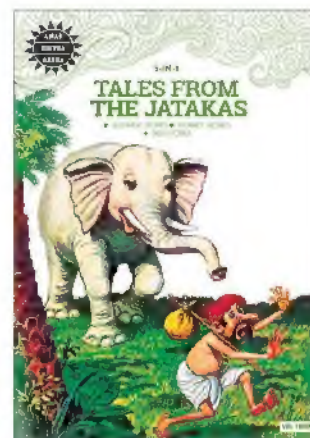
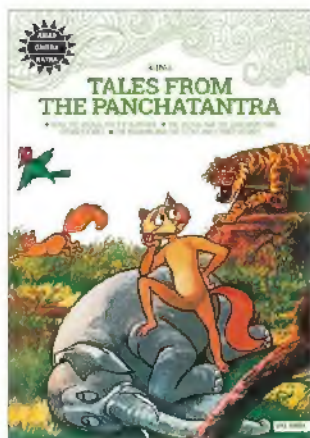
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